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Car accident survivor Joshua has his TV wish

A WALSALL youngster who survived a serious car accident earlier this year is to feature in the first episode of a new celebrity-based charity show next week.

Celebrity Wish List, which features stars turning up unannounced to surprise charities with much-needed gifts, will air on Channel 5 on Monday at 7.30pm.

The first episode focuses on Midlands Air Ambulance, with television presenter

Jeff Brazier surprising staff and volunteers with wish-list presents. To convey Midlands Air Ambulance's important work, the show tells the story of nine-year-old Joshua Birchill, from Willenhall, who was airlifted to hospital last Easter.

Despite being on life support for eight days with serious injuries, including three fractures to his skull, the Fibbersley Park Primary School pupil survived

and is set to make a full recovery. Joshua's dad, John, said: "Midlands Air Ambulance genuinely saved his life - they gave Joshua a second chance.

Operate

"Nothing I can say could possibly come close to thanking them fully for saving my little boy."

Ian Nicholls, who has worked for the

charity since its foundation, said: "This is our 20th anniversary and to have been surprised like this is overwhelming.

"To be presented with gifts that were only a dream 20 years ago is wonderful."

Midlands Air Ambulance needs £6 million a year to operate and receives no government or national lottery funding.

The charity responds to more than 3,500 emergencies each year.



Presenter Jeff Brazier, on a surprise visit to Midlands Air Ambulance, with nine-year-old Joshua Birchill, from Willenhall

BOY, 11, CONS OAPs IN RAIDS

ELDERLY residents in Walsall are being warned to be on their guard after a bogus caller as young as 11 helped in the theft of £50 from a house in Darlaston.

The incident took place last Saturday and was strikingly similar to one which happened in Bilston a day earlier.

A boy knocked on the door of an elderly lady's home in

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Stafford Road, Darlaston, between 5.15pm and 5.30pm and said he had kicked a ball over her back fence.

After taking him through to the garden where there was no ball the victim and the boy walk back to the front door, where she saw an older youngster walking down the street. The pensioner, who said the offender was

aged 10-12 and had what sounded like an Irish accent, later found that £50 had been stolen from her handbag upstairs.

Just a day earlier, on Friday, September 23, in Baldwin Street, Bradley, Bilston, between 5.30pm and 5.38pm, a similar incident occurred with a boy saying his football had been kicked into an elderly lady's back garden. There was no ball to be seen, and as the pensioners went back inside she saw another young male come down the stairs. The young lad then pushed past the woman and both offenders ran off down the street.

The victim later found her bag on the bed, which should have been hung up in the hall with her hat. Nothing appeared to have been stolen.

Appealing

The woman described the younger male as thin, aged 10-12, 5ft 3in-5in, with an Irish accent and short dark brown hair, while the other boy was said to be aged 12 to 15, thin, of similar height and with a similar haircut.

Det Insp Justin Spanner, of West Midlands Police, said: "Officers are currently investigating both of these incidents and we are appealing for witnesses to both offences over the weekend.

"We would also like to warn residents of this particular method of distraction burglary and to be aware of any unknown callers at the door."

Anyone with information about either offence can contact Force CID at Bloxwich on 0345 113 5000 or call Crimestoppers in confidence on 0800 555 111.

Hospital sends home lad badly hurt in crash

A FOUR-year-old boy who was left fighting for his life after being knocked down by a car in a Walsall street has been discharged from hospital.

He suffered serious head injuries and multiple fractures to his leg in Darlaston Road, Pleck, at around 3.40pm on Thursday, September 8.

The boy was struck by a

vehicle while walking over a pedestrian crossing with his mother.

West Midlands Police said the boy had now been discharged from hospital and was "making a good recovery".

A 21-year-old driver who was arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving remained on police bail this week.

Mavis magic at gardening

PEOPLE across Walsall have been rewarded for their blooming gardens in an annual gardening competition.

The contest, sponsored by Walsall Housing Group contractors Wates & Pinnacle, was judged by a panel of four who visited the finalists' gardens to pick this year's deserving winners.

First prize was awarded to Mavis Harper, from Willenhall, who came second in the competition last year.

Mavis, who is retired, said: "I was so pleased to come second last year and entered again as a bit of fun but never expected to win - I was over the moon.

Vegetables

"I spend a lot of time in my back garden and really love it. People who come and visit say it's so tranquil.

This year's contest also saw the introduction of the Good Life award for the best use of garden space to produce fruit and vegetables.

The award went to Leonard Busby, of Leamore, Bloxwich, who said: "I have got fruit trees and also grow strawberries, carrots, runner beans, parsnips etc.

"You get satisfaction from thinking 'I fancy a salad tonight' and walking into your garden to pick the vegetables you've grown yourself."



Mavis Harper in her prize-winning garden in Willenhall

Poundland eyes TJ Hughes shop

POUNDLAND is poised to take over the former TJ Hughes store in Walsall town centre. The Willenhall chain is looking to move from its branch in the Saddlers Centre.

The now-empty TJ Hughes, in Park Street, is a much larger building, meaning it would be one of Poundland's biggest.

Recruitment has already started. Poundland bosses confirmed they were looking to relocate, but remained tight-lipped about the new location.

But jobseekers who attended an employment fair at Walsall College last week were allowed to apply for roles for a new Poundland branch at the old TJ Hughes store. These positions have now been filled.

Booming

Company spokeswoman Judy Collins said: "Poundland can confirm it is considering a re-site of the Walsall store to a new location in the local area. However, Poundland is not in a position to confirm a specific location at this stage."

Business is booming at the company during the economic crisis and it now has more than 300 stores across the country.

Louts shove doc into canal

YOBS pushed a doctor who cannot swim into a canal as he walked home from Walsall Manor Hospital.

Cardiologist Dr Haroon Zafar, aged 37, suffered a back injury after he was twice shoved by his attackers as he made his way along the Walsall Canal towpath to his flat in the Art Court development at 6.30pm last Monday.

His cries for help were ignored by the men who laughed and walked away as he floundered.

"It was very narrow where I met them on the path. They made no effort to let me pass. As I tried to get by, one shoved me towards the water," Dr Zafar said.

"I reached out and grabbed his jacket to stop myself falling, but they pushed me again. I fell backwards into the water. I really thought I was drowning, I was shouting, 'help, I can't swim'.

"Eventually, I realised my feet could touch bottom, so I climbed out," added Dr Zafar, who went on sick leave after his ordeal.

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Hunt for club man in attack with bottle

A MAN who smashed a bottle over another man's head in a Walsall nightclub was being hunted this week.

On the third floor of WSI nightclub in the town centre there was an altercation over a spill drink between a woman and a man from a larger group, police said. A 27-year-old man, boyfriend of the woman, stepped in to calm the situation and was attacked by a member of the larger group who smashed a bottle over his head.

He suffered cuts to his head and face which required glueing and stitching. The attack happened at around 1.20am on Friday, September 16. One man was arrested and bailed.

De Deb Dace said: "It was an unprovoked attack in a busy nightclub. The offender with the bottle is a mixed race male, 5ft 7in, stocky, muscular, aged 25-30."

Anyone with information is urged to call De Dace at Bloxwich on 0345 113 5000 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Accused goes free after papers delay

A MAN accused of breaking into three pubs and a shop has been released from prison after the charges were dropped due to paperwork delays.

Daniel Billiard faced charges of burglary at the Sweet and Fancy party shop, in Bloxwich, the Romping Cat and the Prince of Wales, both in Bloxwich, and The Queens pub, in Pelsall.

He was also accused of attempted burglary.

The case against Billiard, aged 25, of Wolverhampton Road, also Pelsall, appeared via prison video link at Walsall Magistrates Court last Friday.

Pub chain eyes takeover of blaze-hit pub

AN HISTORIC Bloxwich pub is poised to be taken over by JD Wetherspoon, creating 40 new jobs. The pub chain is in negotiations for the Bulls Head.

The building, which dates back to the 1920s, was left in a dangerous state following an arson attack in November. Bosses at Wetherspoons have said that if a deal is reached, £1 million will be spent revamping the Park Road pub.

The news has been welcomed by councillors in the area who said it

would give the town a much-needed boost. It comes weeks after it was revealed that Wetherspoons was understood to be taking over the former Gala Bingo Hall, in Aldridge. The company recently opened St Matthew's Hall, in Lichfield Street, Walsall.

Eddie Gershon, spokesman for Wetherspoons, said: "Wetherspoons is in negotiations to purchase The Bulls Head but a deal hasn't been done yet."

"This is a disused pub and one we are keen to agree a deal on. We aim to get

planning permission to turn it into a Wetherspoons. If it does get the all-clear, we have prepared for development costs for £1 million, and with each new pub we create around 40 jobs."

Thirty firefighters were called to tackle the suspected arson attack at the former pub in November. Since The Bulls Head closed down in 2007, there were plans to turn it into shops.

Councillor Fred Westley, Labour representative for Bloxwich West, said: "Any investment in the town is

welcome, and news of possible new jobs is great. With the amount of pubs closing it is good to see something might be brought back to life."

A planning application has been submitted to Walsall Council for the refurbishment and extension of the existing building.

Meanwhile, jobs are also expected to be created with the transformation of the former Gala Bingo hall in Aldridge. The listed building has stood empty for two years.



Bloxwich's Bulls Head pub

Metal thieves plunge street into darkness

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A WALSALL street was plunged into darkness after metal thieves stole copper cables which supplied power to street lights.

It is the second time in weeks that metal thieves have struck in Livingstone Road, Bloxwich. Six street lights and two illuminated signs were affected after cabling was targeted during the latest raid on a cabinet in the street.

Bloxwich East ward's Councillor Shaun Fitzpatrick spotted the blackout while driving along the street. "It's utterly disgraceful that metal thefts are

happening and for thieves to stoop to knocking out street lights," he said.

"The cost to put it right far exceeds what the thieves will get for the scrap."

He added: "I'm concerned because people's safety is being put at risk by those responsible."

Councillor Tom Ansell, cabinet member for transport and environment at Walsall Council, said the repair work after last Wednesday night's attack would be carried out by Central Networks.

Suspected

He said: "We would urge anyone with any information about the people responsible for this criminal damage to notify the police as their actions are putting communities at risk."

Last month, more than 3,000 homes and businesses were left without power following a suspected metal theft at a canal bridge in Livingstone Road.

Workers help in churchyard spring clean

WORKERS from a funeral care service joined parishioners to spruce up a Willenhall churchyard.

A team of 33 Midcounties Co-operative colleagues spent the day at Holy Trinity Church, in Short Heath, clearing overgrown foliage.

Emma Henderson, manager and team leader, said: "It was a big challenge, but having so many hands made the job much easier. Everyone got stuck in and the team, who came from far and wide to support the event, managed to fill the disposal lorry four times."

Difference

Midcounties offers a range of volunteer programmes which staff members support throughout the year.

The Rev Dr Mark Hathorne said: "We were amazed at how much work the team got done in a day."

"The bottom part of the graveyard was very untidy and the efforts of the team has made a huge difference. We really are very grateful to Emma and her colleagues."

The team would also like to thank Walsall's HSS plant hire for providing equipment and the local chip shop for feeding the hungry workers.

Hooded youths attack teenager

A TEENAGER was robbed and assaulted by two masked youths as he walked on a canal towpath in Walsall.

The 16-year-old was head butted before the attackers stole his wallet on a towpath close to the Wharf Bar, in Walsall town centre.

The attackers, both aged round 16, were wearing black tracksuit bottoms and dark hoodies, with scarves over their faces.

Incident

They demanded the teen hand over his phone and launched the attack when he refused at 4.50pm on Friday, September 9.

De Genna Allen, from t Walsall police station, said: "We are led to believe that the two youths may have been disturbed and a passing cyclist may hold crucial information to help us bring these two to justice."

This was a particularly nasty incident."

Fred unlocks cache of cash



Fred Collins cashed in his hoard of old keys to help Midlands Air Ambulance

FRED Collins has raised hundreds of pounds for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity by cutting keys in his spare time and cashing in scrap metal.

Fred, Walsall Housing Group's locksmith for 12 years, had accumulated 3,900kg of obsolete metal, including redundant and broken key and lock parts, so took it to a scrap merchant in exchange for £585.

The cash, combined with contributions collected in exchange for him cutting keys for colleagues, customers and friends over the years totalled £1,000.

Fred, who lives in Cheslyn Hay, said: "If anyone has asked me to do things in

my spare time like cut a key for them or open a safe and supply a key, I've asked for a contribution to charity."

"I knew I'd be able to raise even more money by cashing in the boxes of old keys and locks. I hope it will make a real difference to the charity."

Katy Meaney, spokeswoman for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, said: "Mr Collins has helped through his fundraising efforts and donation to ensure that our vital service can continue to save lives across the region."

For more information on how you can donate, fundraise and get involved with the charity visit www.midlandsairambulance.com

Decision day for disused swim centre

The future of Willenhall Leisure Centre was due to be made clear this week after the council ran the rule over tenders for the now-empty building.

Officers for the local authority were expected to make a recommendation to the council's cabinet member for regeneration, Councillor Adrian Andrew.

The Bath Street leisure centre closed in August last year as part of cost-cutting measures by Tory-run Walsall Council.

The building was put on the market in July, with interested parties having nearly six weeks to submit their tenders, but that time-frame was later extended.

Deadline

Councillor Andrew, said: "Not all the tenders followed the correct procedures and so in a bid to be open and transparent we quickly decided to re-tender."

The deadline was Friday, September 23, and the council has been evaluating the two tenders received.

The successful applicant will then have 21 weeks to obtain planning permission, if needed.

Documents detailing the type of development that would be suitable – including a cinema, offices, health clinic and creche – have already been drawn up.

If no suitable solution is found for the site, it may be demolished at a cost of £200,000.

Granddaughter denies murder

THE granddaughter of a partly blind 92-year-old woman from Walsall has denied murdering her.

Sheila Jones, aged 36, is accused of killing Daisy Myring on May 31.

The mother-of-two, of Brownhills Road, Norton Canes, appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week to deny murdering the pensioner, who was found with head injuries at her home in Albion Road, Brownhills.

The case was adjourned and Jones remained in custody until her next appearance at the crown court in November.

Sex charge dropped

Allegations that an Aldridge man sexually assaulted a boy under the age of 13 have been dropped.

The matter against Mei Huang, aged 46, of Leighwood Road, was discharged at a prison video link hearing at Walsall Magistrates Court last Friday.

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The latest image of Walsall's £2.5m Goldmine centre

£2.5m youth centre will be a goldmine

WORK is poised to start on the first building to rise from the ashes of Walsall's biggest fire for 25 years. A £2.5 million youth training centre, known as Goldmine, will be built at Shannons Mill, which was destroyed in a fire in 2007.

It has been in the pipeline for more than four years. Goldmine will be the showpiece development in a new youth quarter being created in Lower Hall Lane, spearheaded by youth training organisation The Vine Trust. The trust has outgrown its premises nearby and the new complex will include training rooms, a library, offices and a

public performance area to provide learning, advice and guidance for young people. It is part of a major regeneration scheme being developed in partnership with landowners St Modwen and Gool Estate.

Delivered

The Vine Trust's chief executive, Kevin Davis, said: "The Goldmine centre has provided an opportunity to show how partners can pull together in challenging times. "This state-of-the-art centre has been inspired by young people, for young people. "Alongside social and recreational activ-

ities, it will offer work-based learning, ICT, arts, drama, music and creative media activities."

Gools Estates managing director Dominic Gools said: "It is down to The Vine Trust that this will be delivered. They have worked incredibly hard to raise the funding. Other partners are Community Builders England Ltd, Walsall MBC, The Tudor Trust, Walsall Community Church, Garfield Weston and Walsall Housing Group.

An open day to promote Goldmine was due to be held at The Vines Restaurant, Lower Hall Lane, from 1pm to 6pm today.

Palace treat for Manor Hospital staff

A WALSALL hospital worker's first visit to London was a memorable one when she was a guest at a royal garden party at Buckingham Palace.

Support services assistant Chris Lees was nominated for the honour by patients at Walsall Manor Hospital.

During her day out, she met Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall and also saw Her Majesty the Queen mingling with her guests.

For Chris, whose day job includes giving breakfast and lunches to patients, it was a chance to enjoy an afternoon tea. The grandmother, who went to the palace with her mother Mavis, said: "It was an absolutely fantastic day."

Illustrations

Chris has worked at Walsall Manor Hospital for 10 years and was not the only one to get a VIP invite.

Lisa Hamilton was chosen because she is in her 40th year of working in the NHS, with 26 years' service at the Manor. In her current role, she manages the placement of student nurses.

Lisa, who lives in Aldridge, was joined by her husband John, who is head of clinical illustrations at the hospital. She said: "I plan to retire next year so it was a perfect way to mark the end of my career."

Casino urges girls to take title punt

MORE contestants are wanted for a beauty pageant to be held at a Walsall casino next week.

The winner will be the face of G Casino, in Bentley Mill Way and will go on to a final in Blackpool.

Judges include the Mayor of Walsall Councillor Garry Perry and the casino's general manager Matt Rudd.

There will be a £1,000 cash prize for the winner, £500 for the runner up and £250 for the third place.

The Miss G Beauty Pageant on October 6, at 7.30pm will feature day wear and evening wear. Girls can contact Maddy on 01922 645222.

Salon jobs are hair today

EIGHT jobs are being created with the opening of a new hair, beauty and photography studio.

In-Style Studios recently opened in Pinfold Street, Darlaston. Beauty queen Sarah Jones, a former Miss Wolverhampton and a Miss England finalist, was invited to perform the unveiling.

The salon has been launched by Jonathan Foster and business

partner Ali, and many of the stylists come from Walsall College.

Mr Foster, a photographer, said: "We contacted local colleges and ended up working alongside Walsall College who helped recommend staff. We requested that all the students who have just completed their college course who are looking for jobs would get sent a letter to apply."

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A SERVICE helping elderly and disabled people shop in Walsall town centre is set to move to a temporary new home off Littleton Street West from the end of October.

Shophmobility, which lends motorised scooters to people who find it hard to walk, will move from the Saddlers Shopping Centre to Tesco.

The council's social care and health bosses are in negotiations to set up a new Independent Living Centre which will house Shophmobility. The flag-

ship centre would also show case equipment, technology and aids which help disabled adults live in their homes independently. Disability information and advice would also be on offer. The location for the centre is expected to be announced in the near future.

Cabinet member Councillor Barbara McCracken said: "The new Independent Living Centre will create a much better environment and more suitable location for the Shophmobility service."

Entrance

"We are asking people to bear with us for the short period that a temporary base is used for Shophmobility. The temporary Shophmobility kiosk will be on the first floor of Tesco, between the travel agents and the toilets. The most accessible disabled parking and drop-off point is on the upper level of the Tesco car park, which can be accessed off Littleton Street or Wisemore. Taxi drivers can also drop off and pick up at the upper-level car park store entrance. King & Ride provides a drop-off and pick-up point at the side entrance to Tesco in Wisemore.

Arrangements for the delivery and collection of equipment can be made by calling 01922 650781.

Tips on funding

COMMUNITY groups are being urged to book places on surgeries being held to help them attract funds. Walsall Voluntary Action holds fortnightly advice sessions which are scheduled for October 19, November 2 and 16. To book call 01922 619840.

Clean living lasts Ethel 100 years



Ethel Wigfield, nee Wilkes, posing at 17 and with daughters Joan, right, and Yvonne

DRINKING plenty of water and avoiding alcohol and cigarettes has been the life-long rule of a Walsall pensioner who has celebrated her 100th birthday.

Former office worker Ethel Wigfield was showered with bouquets of flowers by friends and family at her home in Drake Court, Drake Road, Bloxwich, to mark her big day.

She was born to parents Ethel and Abner Wilkes in 1911 when they lived in a cottage in Leamore Lane. She was the oldest girl in the family of eight siblings.

Grandchildren

Ethel attended West Street School, in Leamore, before the family moved to Queen Street, in Walsall town centre.

"I won a scholarship to college in Bradford Street so my parents didn't have to pay," she said. "I went to work at 14 because that's what you did in those days. I was employed at

Vulcan, in Green Lane, and then moved to the Streetly Works for more money."

In 1934 Ethel tied the knot with her late husband Harry, a Rubery Owen toolmaker.

"During the Second World War I stayed at home and raised our family," she said.

"Harry worked very long hours in the war because he helped to make planes at the factory. It was a very important job."

The couple lived in Bentley Road North, Bentley, and had a son, John, who died in 2003, and daughters Joan Plater, now aged 71, and Yvonne Millington, 69.

Mrs Wigfield, a founder member of Emmanuel Church, Bentley, now has 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

"I have always been contented with what I have got," she said.

"I looked after my appearance. I have had up and downs, but I've had a good life."



Sandwell College automotive lecturer Stephanie Jones

Stephanie in gear for ad campaigns

FORMER Walsall racing driver Stephanie Jones has been selected as the face of national advertising campaigns for Bupa health insurance.

Dressed in her overalls at Sandwell College's auto centre, the light vehicle department team leader's picture will feature in online advertising for Bupa's health insurance, Bupa By You, and on leaflets mailed out to households all over the country.

Campus

Stephanie, a 36-year-old mother of two, leads a team of five male mechanics tutors and teaches motor vehicle studies at the college's Oldbury campus. She got the chance to fulfil her modelling ambitions when Bupa were looking for a female mechanic to star in their new campaign.

She has been teaching motor vehicle studies at the college for eight years, and is moving to West Bromwich next year when a new campus opens. Stephanie's three-year motor sport career included a race at Silverstone. She said: "This is a fabulous opportunity. I've always had the ambition to become a model and now I can tick it off my list."

Riot hoax caller jailed for week

A WALSALL MAN who made a hoax phone call to police claiming it was "about to kick off" in the centre of Wolverhampton days after the riots has been jailed for seven days.

Mark Williams, aged 43, from Redwood Road, made two calls from a phone box in Queen Square, the city's magistrates heard.

Prosecutor Roger Bleazard said: "In the first call he warned that people were milling about and ready to riot before phoning again to say it was about to kick off. His defence said he had trouble with alcohol. He admitted the offence."

Hotel work delayed

CONSTRUCTION work on a £10 million hotel in Walsall has been pushed back to next month. Work on the new Premier Inn, to be part of the £50m Walsall Waterfront development, was expected to start in September, but has been delayed to October.

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£3 million revamp welcomed

A COUNCILLOR has welcomed improvements to two high-rise flats in Brownhills where residents complained of feeling cold.

Humphries House and Severn House are due to have new roofs, boilers and windows. The walls will be insulated and external walls decorated under a £3million programme by landlord Walsall Housing Group.

Brownhills ward representa-

tive Councillor Barbara Cassidy praised the revamp.

She said: "This is really exciting for the residents. The buildings will look fabulous when the work is completed. Severn House, in particular, has been cold in the winter. Tenants would have the heating on and it still felt freezing."

"Last winter the housing group provided residents with a £10 payment towards heating bills as a result of us asking for

something to be done. I am very impressed with the project and residents had a chance to discuss the plans with the group and choose the colour scheme."

Modern wood burning boilers will be used to heat Humphries House, in London Drive, and Severn House, in nearby Silver Court Gardens and residents will be able to change the temperature within their own flats. Scaffolding is now being erected.

Hate campaign man is jailed

A WALSALL man who launched a vicious hate campaign against a woman by impersonating her online and encouraging strangers to rape her has been jailed for two years and nine months.

Khalid Hussain's torment of the woman culminated in a man visiting her house, hitting her in the face and trying to sexually assault her.

Warwick Crown Court heard how the attacker only fled after

realising she was genuinely scared but she took his registration plate.

Mr Robert Hodgkinson, prosecuting, said that 30-year-old Hussain, using a false name, sent hundreds of abusive and obscene texts and emails to her.

He said: "But the worst aspect is that over a period of months, she received over 100 visits at night from men who knocked on her door saying they had been conversing with

her by email and were responding to invitations by her to visit her for sex.

"One of those men had been led to believe that she wanted to be raped."

Hussain, of Dora Road, Pleck, was sentenced after pleading guilty to two charges of harassment.

He was also ordered to serve a six-month jail term which had been suspended at the time for setting up a fake robbery.

6,600 fines issued to town centre car drivers

DRIVERS in Walsall town centre have been given more than 6,600 fines since on-street parking charges came into force just six months ago.

The fees have boosted council coffers by £95,000, but critics fear the fines could deter shoppers.

Parking campaigner Dennis Anson, Labour councillor for Pleck, said: "I do not support people blocking up the streets if they are parking in places they should not be."

My concern though is that Walsall is currently eighth worst in the country for the number of empty and closed-down shops and we need to do what we can to bring people in. If people are getting fined like this, it might put them off."

Overtaken

Of the 6,612 fines handed to drivers who overstayed their time limit in the past six months, 739 were later overturned.

Transport chief Councillor Tom Ansell said: "After we introduced on-street pay-and-display charges, just over 94,000 pay-and-display tickets have been bought by motorists."

"It's no surprise they are popular as they are very convenient parking spaces."

"Disappointingly, a minority of motorists have failed to comply with the parking restrictions."

Councillor Ansell said the £95,000 raised through the penalty charges had been used to offset the overall cost of providing and maintaining the new system.

The new charges were introduced in on March 7 and almost 1,700 people were hit with parking fines within the first month.

The 20p-per-10-minute charge has been brought in on 310 parking spaces in 19 streets including Achfield Street, Hatherton Street and Station Street.

Lansley's all-clear for Manor £170m

FINANCING of Walsall's £170 million Manor Hospital scheme has been declared sound as it was revealed that similar projects were leaving hospitals elsewhere in financial crisis.

Health Secretary Andrew Lansley has begun a review of PFI schemes at 22 NHS Trusts. Some of the trusts said the spiralling cost of PFI contracts risk their "clinical and financial stability".

Among the trusts which came under review was Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, which runs Manor. Walsall chiefs came under extra scrutiny because they are bidding for foundation trust status, to control budgets.

Walsall's contract, which will see the trust repay £249m repaid in interest over the next 30 years as well as incur £209m maintenance costs, is sound.

High Peak walkers

THE Walsall Group of the Ramblers will be heading to Arbor Low, Bradford Dale and the High Peak Trail for a 12 mile circular walk this Sunday.

This is a moderate walk on country lanes, farm tracks, field paths, river-side and old rail tracks. Non-members are always welcome and are urged to contact 01543 321770.

Cash boost for projects on prejudice

PROJECTS against hate crime are among the activities to share a slice of a £40,000 fund for projects aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour in an area of Walsall.

The funding pot has been made available by the council's North Walsall Area Partnership, which covers Birchills, Leamore, Beechdale and Blaxhills. The Multi-Media Arts Project in Green Lane, Walsall, has been awarded £5,525 to run a programme of activities for young people.

The centre provides workshops for DJ-ing, street dance, sound recording, driving test theory practice and sports.

Cohesion

The Women Against Anti-Social Persecution group based in Long Acre Street has attracted a £4,000 grant towards its efforts to tackle hate crime.

Walsall's Integrated Young People's Support Services was awarded £1,000 in support of its summer youth work scheme. The council's Know Your Town project was awarded £1,000 towards community cohesion.

Other projects to attract funding from the partnership in the current financial year include the young adults supported housing project Streams given in Hospital Street which was given a £3,500 grant to help with job and training advice.

The Young Persons Information Centre, in Ingram Road, Blakenall picked up a total of £5,082.

Warning for drivers as roadworks begin

DRIVERS in Walsall have been warned that they face six weeks of disruption as the final phase of work to create a red route on the town's ring road gets under way.

Double red lines are being introduced on Broadway West, Pleck Road and Rolling Mill Street. Red routes prevent cars from stopping at any time to reduce congestion.

This phase of work is due to cost £400,000. Lane closures will be in place, but the work will take place at off-peak times.

'Good' report for school

A SPECIAL school in Walsall has been officially rated as good by Ofsted inspectors.

The Jane Lane School was also said to have several outstanding features including pupils' behaviour and their contribution to the wider community.

Staff got a top ranking for their level of care, guidance and support.

John Cox, joint headteacher with Heather Lomas, said: "It's brilliant to

Death trap warnings over vacant pub site

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LAND in Walsall where a pub once stood is a "death-trap" due to fly-tipping and an open cellar, it has been claimed. Neighbour Pete Smith said children could easily be trapped in the cellar of the Butlers Arms, in Harden Road.

He warned that if the iron doors shut, a child would not be able to lift them open, and someone could be trapped inside. Mr Smith, of Harden Road, said: "There is a potential death-trap there, open and exposed."

"A child could easily fall down this hole on to broken glass and other debris at the bottom. Even more alarming is the prospect of someone going down there and others closing the metal hatches."

Mr Smith added: "A dead body was found on this site and since then it has got worse. Unfortunately whenever these pubs close down, the sites turn into a fly-tipper's paradise."

Dumped

Rubbish has been dumped on the site since the pub closed. The building was demolished several years ago after concerns were raised that it would be targeted by arsonists and drug users.

The body of 32-year-old Gary Ford was found on the land in May following a fire at the site.

The land has been granted planning consent for four shops, 10 two-bedroom apartments, eight supported living units and 23 parking spaces.

Mr Smith said he welcomed news that planning permission for the shopping and homes complex was granted, but said the area needed to be cleared up immediately to stop any unnecessary danger.

Under the plans a two-way system would be introduced with vehicles accessing the site from Harden Road. The supported living units would be provided by Midway Care Ltd.

Verdict on death of diabetic doctor, 63

A WALSALL GP who was found dead at home died as a result of heart disease, the inquest heard.

Dr Uma Dasgupta, aged 63, was found in a bedroom by her husband Subir, also a GP, at the family's home in Belvidere Road, Highgate. Walsall Manor Hospital pathologist Dr Ye Lin Hock told the inquest that the husband returned home on June 19 to find Dr Dasgupta lying next to the bed.

He said Dr Dasgupta had been a diabetic for 18 years and gave the cause of death as hypertension heart disease.

Black Country Coroner Mr Robin Balmain recorded a verdict that Dr Dasgupta, who worked in West Bromwich, died of natural causes.

Pupils cheer playground boost



Pupils from Green Rock primary show their joy at playground equipment

MORE than 200 children have benefited from brand new playground equipment at their school in Walsall.

Green Rock Primary School's playground in Blakenall has been brightened up with a new slide and trail, including a bridge and stepping stones.

Activities

The equipment at the Mersey Road school was bought with a donation from Walsall Housing Group and funds raised by the school council.

Pupils have already used the equipment in a sponsored challenge where they were tasked to complete a series of problem solving activities. The cash raised will boost school funds.

Deputy head Jane Layland said: "They are really nice pieces of good quality playground equipment. Before, we just had the playground and field. The children are absolutely loving the new trim trail and slide. It has a wobbly bridge and stepping stones."

"Because the school council raised some of the funds through a summer fair and raffles, the children have a sense of ownership of it. They have used the equipment in a sponsored event which involved the children doing problem solving activities."

"We don't know how much we've raised yet but the money will go into school funds and could be used to buy more playground equipment in the future."

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Saddlers cement tile firm sponsorship

WALSALL FC has unveiled its new sponsor – Wolverhampton tile supplier Tile Choice. The company is taking over the biggest stand at the Banks's Stadium and the huge advertising hoarding that towers over the M6 motorway.

The new sponsorship deal begins immediately, and work to change the advertising board started on Monday.

The three-tier Floors 2 Go stand will be renamed the Tile Choice Stand.

Tile Choice managing director and owner Kevin Beasley said: "We have local branches of Tile Choice in Walsall, Cannock, West

Bromwich and Bilston and many of our employees and customers are huge fans of the club.

"We very much look forward to a continuing relationship with Walsall FC."

Completed

The advertising board is the biggest in Europe and a team of signage professionals have to abseil down it to complete the job.

Mr Beasley said: "This is the largest illuminated advertising sign adjacent to a motorway in Europe and it will consist of 52 panels each measuring 10 feet by five feet. Because we

can't use cherry pickers on the pitch each panel has to be placed and fixed by abseilers. "It's a huge task but the sign is a local landmark and 833,000-plus vehicles pass it on the M6 every week."

The sponsorship deal will keep vital funds coming into the club for the next three years. Roy Whalley, Walsall FC commercial director, declined to reveal the value of the deal, but said: "It's great to have a link with another Black Country company."

Work to change the Floors 2 Go stand to Tile Choice is due to be completed by the end of this week.



Walsall FC's giant advertising hoarding near the M6

Notices are served on illegal travellers

MORE than 40 eviction orders have been served on illegal traveller encampments across the Black Country in a year.

Convoys of travellers parked on public land and green spaces 47 times in Walsall, Sandwell and Wolverhampton in the last 12 months, costing council tax payers thousands of pounds. The cash was spent on legal and bailiffs fees.

Walsall Council has served 15 eviction notices on unauthorised encampments since January 1 this year, but could not say how much has been spent on eviction costs.

Sandwell Council has spent around £40,000 on getting rid of travellers who have parked up on council land on 21 occasions.

Clearance

Claire Bustin, spokeswoman for the council, said the authority has intervened legally on nine occasions, and police have issued notices to leave on 12 occasions.

She added: "The council has spent in the region of £40,000 on site clearance and security, court costs and officer time to cover the 21 incursions."

Meanwhile, Wolverhampton City Council has tackled 11 traveller incursions on council land in the last year.

Areas across the Black Country have suffered problems brought by travellers. Clean-up crews have been called out more than 30 times in the first six months of this year to clear away rubbish left behind.

Pensioners in protest over bus pass plan

PENSIONERS in Walsall are launching a campaign over the decision to strip more than 1.2 million people in the West Midlands of half-price coach travel.

Walsall Pensioners' Convention is to write to the three borough MPs urging them to get the Government to rethink.

Since 2003, pensioners and disabled people have benefited from half price fares on National Express and other long distance coach journeys across the country and the Government has previously footed the bill for the discounts.

But this will be stopped from November 1 in a bid to save £20 million.

Richard Worrall, from Walsall Pensioners' Convention and a member of the National Pensioners Convention working group for transport, said: "Rail fares are getting very expensive even with a senior citizen's rail card which gives you a third off."

Convention

"Alternative cheap coach travel is really important to lots of elderly people and you can see that when you travel on these coaches. It is important because elderly people value their independence. They want to be able to say, travel to Brighton to visit a family member."

"Anybody who is elderly and doesn't have lots of money is affected."

"The National Pensioners' Convention has made its views known and the Walsall Pensioners' Convention will too."

"This really would hit the most vulnerable people most," added the 66-year-old, a former Mayor of Walsall and one-time member of the former West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority.

He said the Walsall Pensioners' Convention will write to MPs David Winnick, Richard Shepherd and Valerie Vaz to express their concern.

They will ask the MPs to back calls for the Government to rethink the move.

Mr Worrall, who lives in Birchills, added that the National Pensioners Convention was also talking to ministers.

Yow cor 'ave Jack's belt, Americans told

MILLIONAIRE Tony Whittaker has snatched legendary Walsall boxer "Gentleman Jack" Hood's Lonsdale Belt from the jaws of US bidders – and forked out £36,000 to keep it in the Black Country.

And the 60-year-old, since clinching the prized piece of British fighting history at auction in Birmingham, has turned down phone offers to "name his price" to sell it on.

"I'm telling the Yanks – yow cor 'ave it," said Tony, who owns the Delph Industrial Estate in Brierley Hill.

"Jack Hood's Lonsdale belt is stopping in the Black Country with me. I've told his daughters I will not let it go out of the Black Country and will pick them up so they can come and see it whenever they like."

The belt was put up for sale at Fellows & Sons' auction room in Augusta Street, Birmingham, by the two daughters of Jack Hood, who was known as "Gentleman Jack" because of his generous nature in and out of the ring.

Tony, who lives in Wall Heath, met Hood as a lad when the British and European welterweight champion fighter was brought to his father Roland Whittaker's pub, the Potters Arms, in Brierley Hill.

"When I heard his Lonsdale Belt was for sale I feared it might go to America. Jack Hood was as Black Country as I am and I didn't want that," he said.

Heirloom

"The auction room was packed. It started at £14,000 and kept going up, but the Yanks pulled out at £35,000 and I got it for £36,000."

Tony said he would keep it in a bank vault, but would bring it out for special occasions.

Hood's two daughters said they were delighted that his treasured Lonsdale Belt was staying in the Black Country.

"We feel it's gone home," said Jill Baldwin.

Mrs Baldwin, of Solihull, and her sister, Jackie Hodgkinson, of Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire, put the family heirloom on the market because, after 20 years in a bank vault, they wanted to pay for a treat for his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Only boxers who won a British title and then defended it twice were allowed to keep their Lonsdale belt.



Businessman Tony Whittaker shows off the Lonsdale Belt won by Walsall boxer Jack Hood



'Gentleman Jack' Hood wearing his Lonsdale Belt

Eyes down for pub conversion

PLANS for the transformation of a former bingo hall in Aldridge into a pub creating around 40 jobs have been submitted to Walsall Council.

The proposed restoration of Aldridge Gala Bingo in Anchor Road, which was initially the Avion Cinema when it opened back in the 1930s, is expected to create jobs as pub chain JD Wetherspoon is poised to take it over.

The plans involve part-demolition and alterations, along with change of use to a drinking establishment, with an external seating area and extension of the car park.

Kevin Foster, representing the developer in the planning process, said in the planning documents: "The age of the building and its

use specific design and layout mean that alternative uses for the property are difficult to accommodate on a viable basis. The applicant has worked hard to identify an operator who can be accommodated within the majority of the existing building and will enable the building to be brought back into use."

Residential

"Consideration has been given to providing other uses, such as residential, as part of the development, but the constraints of the site and financial issues make this unviable."

The scheme will provide 52 town centre parking spaces. No cost or timescale has yet been given.

Project to boost community groups

PLANS to purchase a street camera to tackle problems with drug dealers and prostitution in Walsall is among initiatives to be funded by a community partnership.

The £7,320 system is being funded by Walsall South Area Partnership as part of efforts to crackdown on crime and reduce anti-social behaviour.

Other projects include a £1,950 scheme for minor road works near Whitehall Junior School, in Delves Road, Caldmore to improve traffic flow. West Midlands Fire Service has also attracted a grant for £1,000 for equipment for its cycle team which carries out safety visits to homes and businesses.

Park Hall Community Association, Park Hall Road, has also attracted £1,000 towards an open evening to discuss issues with householders.

Fencing is also to be installed at a vacant plot in Hollyhedge Lane, Birchills at a cost of £744 after problems with fly-tippers.

A total of £17,648 has so far been allocated from the 2001/2012 budget of £77,522 for projects.

The partnership covers wards including Pleck, Paddock and Palfrey.

Pensioner cleared

THE case against a Walsall pensioner accused of being drunk in possession of a loaded firearm has been dropped. All charges have been discontinued against Michael Beards, aged 65, of Gordon Street, Darlaston.

Repair work for roof

SPECIALIST contractors were being sent in this week to examine the collapsed ceiling at Walsall Gala Baths' dance studio.

Part of the ceiling at the dance studio fell through on September 3, forcing it and the fitness studio above it to close.

Leisure chief Councillor Anthony Harris said: "We have to wait for approval from the Health

and Safety Executive before any building works can be carried out and once these are done a structural inspection will have to be completed before either area can be re-opened.

"Specialist contractors will provide a better idea of the size of the task."

The dance studio opened in February.

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Hundreds battling school expansion

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A PETITION signed by more than 300 parents and supporters in protest at a scheme to increase the number of pupils at a Walsall school has been delivered to council chiefs.

Campaigners claim the move to extend Leighwood Primary, in Aldridge, would put pressure on teachers and buildings.

Education bosses want to expand it to deal with an expected influx of pupils over the next seven years. Under the plans, pupil numbers will be increased by more than 100 at the Broadmeadow site.

The petition has been organised by worried parent Corrie Halford, who claims the school was paying the price for the closure of another school, Redhouse Primary, in 2006.

Mrs Halford, aged 36, said: "My petition had 322 signatures and was presented by Councillor Mike Flower to the council."

Secretary

The mother-of-three wrote an open letter to the Prime Minister, Education Secretary Michael Gove, school bosses and councillors.

She said many parents had missed consultation meetings held earlier this year due to the times they were scheduled.

Councillor Flower, of Aldridge North & Walsall Wood, said: "In my view, the consultation should be extended and done thoroughly with proper engagement with the school community if people feel they have not been communicated with properly."

There are plans to increase the reception class at Leighwood Primary from 75 to 90 to meet demand.

Serco spokesman Mark Vaughan said: "A consultation exercise has been undertaken as required and the council is continuing to assess the proposal to enlarge Leighwood School."

Christian Aid's boost

CHURCHES in Willenhall raised more than £1,200 for Christian Aid. Holy Trinity, in Coltham Road, Short Heath, collected £661 while Short Heath Methodist raised £600, and a coffee morning in aid of kidney patients at Holy Trinity also raised £130.

Mayor pampers a pooch



Walsall Mayor Garry Perry prepares for Sunday's dogwash with Sam Wilkes, of Pampered Pets, Pelsall

THE Mayor of Walsall will be getting in a lather this weekend to help the borough's dogs and raise cash for charity.

Councillor Garry Perry is set to wash 10 dogs in 10 hours on Sunday, October 2, as part of Challenge 100, in which 100 people, groups or businesses raise £100 each in 100 days.

The mayor will be carrying out his challenge under the eye of Sam Wilkes, of Pampered Pets, in Wolverhampton Road, Pelsall.

Councillor Perry said: "I've a feeling that Sam will expect high standards."

The mayor's charity appeal is for The Creating Chances Trust, The Swing and PROUD.

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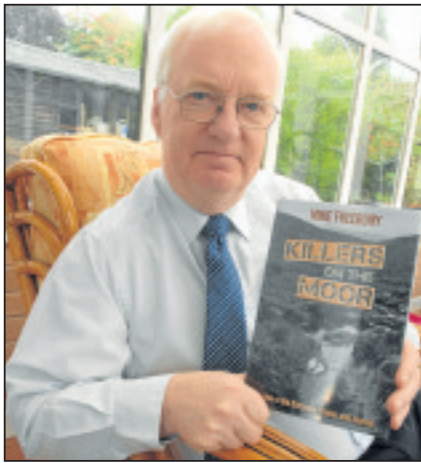
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Mike Freebury, of Gloucester Road, Walsall, with his book

Enduring riddle of Dartmoor ponies

By Sarah Hazelwood

A FINANCE manager from Walsall who has spent more than a decade researching the case of the Dartmoor ponies has released a book about his findings.

Mike Freebury, of Gloucester Road, focuses on serial animal mutilation attacks in Dartmoor and across the UK in his book *Killers on the Moor*.

Friend

After years of research the 64-year-old father of two believes an alien culture is to blame for the mysterious deaths dating back to 1977.

"This topic really struck a chord with me and I wanted to do some-

thing to get to the bottom of these unsolved cases," he said.

"It was a real challenge but it is important to let people know what I have discovered because I feel the government are trying to bury the issue."

"It has been an invigorating experience and I am hopeful there will be a follow up with even more of my findings."

There are four chapters revealing the results of Mike's own investigations and surveillance which he carried out with the help of a Cornish friend, Dave Gillham.

The book is available from www.amazon.co.uk for £17.99.

Stage is set for actor to return

A WALSALL-born actor will be following in his mother's footsteps when he returns to his home town of Bloxwich tomorrow to perform on stage.

Carl Walker will be appearing in *The Browning Version* at the new Bookmark Bloxwich, in Elmore Row, on Friday, September 30.

The show is coming to town as part of a regional tour by the Appletree Theatre Company, of which

walsallchronicle@expressandstar.co.uk

Carl is the technical director.

The Browning Version is set in a public school in the 1940s.

Director

Carl, who plays Frank Hunter in the play, was born and brought up in Bloxwich and attended Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall.

Now based in Shropshire and working as an actor and

technical director, he heard about the refurbished theatre at the Bookmark Bloxwich and was keen to add it to the tour.

"I have so many fond memories of the old Bloxwich Library from the days when my mother used to perform in charity fundraising productions in the early 70s, that when the chance came for me to perform as professional actor on the same stage, I jumped at it," he said.

Tickets for the play cost £8 (£5 concessions).

Real ale fillip for Imperial

Staff at a Walsall pub are celebrating after being named in the 2012 Camra Good Beer Guide.

The Imperial, in Darwall Street, has been praised by members of the town's Campaign for Real Ale branch.

Branch members chose the Wetherspoons pub following regular visits to check on the quality of the real ales.

Customer service, decor and overall atmosphere were also taken into account.

Pub manager Colin Lovell said: "I am delighted that The Imperial has been recognised for the quality of its real ales by Camra members."

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New library closer to green light

THE development of a new library in Walsall has taken a step forward after plans for homes on land to be sold to help pay for the project were given the go-ahead.

The long-awaited library is due to be built on land in Queen Elizabeth Avenue, Bentley at a cost of £2.6 million.

But Walsall Council wants to sell off other surplus land in the area towards the cost of the proposed building.

The planning committee has now approved a scheme for 44 homes on land in Wilkes Avenue.

Previous

This site will now be marketed to housing developers.

Bentley and Darlaston North ward representative Councillor Bill Madeley, who has led a campaign for a replacement library, said he welcomed the decision.

"This land is going towards funding the library," he said.

"People in Bentley will be over the moon. They have been waiting for a long time to see the facility rebuilt," the councillor told the committee.

It is hoped the new library, for which designs have already been drawn up, will be part funded through the sale of land owned by Walsall Housing Group and Walsall Council.

The previous library in Queen Elizabeth Avenue was demolished.

Phones go down after vandals trigger blaze

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ARSONISTS started a garden fire in Willenhall that spread to an overhead telephone cable, leaving residents without internet and phone connections for five days.

Two conifers were set alight in Church Road. As the flames rose to the overhead cable they cut the connections to about 10 properties in the area, including a vicarage and The Royal British Legion.



The Rev Mark Hathorne tries for mobile signals after a tree fire cut his land line

There was disruption over five days last week, and BT said the damage would mean replacing 246ft of overhead cable as a result.

The Rev Mark Hathorne, vicar at the Holy Trinity Church, said: "It has really disrupted my work, because my home is also my office and a lot of my work is communication."

Specialist

Emma Tennant, spokeswoman for BT, said the work to repair the cable would be done using specialist hoist equipment.

She said: "Around 10 customers were left without service as a result of the damage to our cable. We apologise for any inconvenience caused."

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Families fear problems in site clean-up

Residents living near the contaminated site of a new multi-million pound business park in Walsall are worried its clean-up could bring heavy lorries, noise and dust to the area.

Councillors said they had been approached by concerned neighbours living near Darlaston's former IMI James Bridge copperworks, which was earmarked by the Government last month to be a new Enterprise Zone.

Councillor Dennis Anson and Councillor Khizar Hussain said local people had welcomed the investment, but they needed to be kept more informed of the plans for the site, one of the most contaminated in Europe.

Minimise

Councillor Anson said the clean-up could result in problems with heavy lorries, noise and dust and is calling for a forum to be set up where the issues can be discussed.

"Unfortunately, the one voice not being heard here is that of the people from Alumwell and Pleck," he said.

"We think residents should have a place at the table so instead of being told 'this is what you're going to get', we can instead all work together to make the plans a success and minimise disruption."

Councillor Adrian Andrew, Walsall's regeneration chief, said at the moment there was nothing to consult with residents about as no planning application had been submitted.

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Pelsall fabric artist Janet Stephenson, aged 70

Hobby to help buy headstone

A PENSIONER from Walsall has found a new hobby as a fabric artist and says she is planning to sell her work to raise money to buy her late son a new headstone.

A cottage, flowers and wildlife are just some of the pictures which have been crafted by Janet Stephenson, of Charles Crescent, Pelsall.

Gallery

The 70-year-old, who has had rheumatoid arthritis for the past 15 years, says the hobby is valuable exercise for her arms.

She is now thinking of selling her work to raise cash to buy a new headstone for her late son Nigel Pearce, who was just seven years old

when he died suddenly in 1972.

Mrs Stephenson, who also has a 39-year-old son, Nicholas, said: "I'm disabled and have been doing this in my spare time."

"I started six months ago out of boredom. I get rolls of fabric and have done pictures of flowers, Spanish ladies and one of a cottage."

"I'm keeping them in my bedroom at the moment but would love for them to go in a gallery."

She added: "I'm also thinking of selling them to buy a new headstone for my son. He died because he had a hole in his heart and he was buried at Bloxwich Cemetery."

Tragic mother tells of anguish

A WALSALL mother whose two-month-old daughter died after bronchial pneumonia has spoken of the family's heartbreak.

Mikaela Griffin, born on February 27, but was pronounced dead at the Manor Hospital on April 25 after succumbing to the infection.

Her mother Vicky Griffin, aged 22, of Stag Crescent, Harden, said the family was devastated by her death at the inquest last week.

Birmingham Women's Hospital pathologist Dr Beata Hargitai told the in-

quest that Mikaela had died of bronchial pneumonia due to an overwhelming bacterial infection.

Miss Griffin, who has a three-year-old son, said: "Mikaela was beautiful."

Natural

"We all expected her to be a heart-breaker - she was gorgeous."

"It's been really hard these last few months. I really do miss her. My son

Leo was really protective of her and he misses her too."

Ms Griffin was staying at her parents' home in Darlaston on April 25, when she woke to find the baby had stopped breathing.

She and her father then took the baby to A & E, but she could not be saved.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict of death by natural causes.

He said: "It is quite clear to me that Mikaela died from a bacterial infection, which is a natural event."

Alison grows into new job

WALSALL has appointed its first community gardens officer.

Alison Bate has joined Walsall Council's Green-space Improvement Service as a community gardens and allotments officer to help people who want to grow produce, tend flowers to improve their health.

Attracted

She joins from Dudley Council parks section.

"I'm passionate about community gardens, working with volunteers and promoting the many benefits that community gardens and allotments can bring, and this is what attracted me to this job," she said.

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More bobbies go on beat after shake-up

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EXTRA police have been sent out on patrol in the afternoons and evenings in Walsall from this week as part of a force shake-up of shift patterns and beat boundaries.

On Monday, the 22 neighbourhood beats became 20 wards to match the borough council's wards. The new shift patterns will see more officers on the streets during the afternoons and evenings.

West Midlands Police said the changes in neighbourhood policing had followed a consultation with local communities and partners. They said they would be better placed to "tackle issues that impact at the heart of the community".

Inspectors

Four inspectors will oversee local policing in Walsall and will have responsibility for the main areas of Walsall, Aldridge, Willenhall, Darlaston, Bloxwich and Brownhills. Fifteen sergeants will cover the 20 wards and will be posted to the new beats, while staffing levels and locations will reflect demands on resources within the new boundaries. The beat sergeants will also work alongside a local authority neighbourhood manager and the team of councillors for that ward.

Supt Keith Fraser, of Walsall police, said: "By streamlining our service we are building on our experiences and will be meeting local needs. The community have said they would like to see a greater police presence at key times especially in the evenings."

"The new shift pattern will ensure police are in your area when you need them. They will be able to tackle issues that impact at the heart of the community including dealing more robustly with calls relating to antisocial behaviour."

Supt Fraser said the changes would mean a more community-focused service.

"Re-aligning our beats now means there is less cross-over when dealing with local issues. They will be working closely with their neighbourhood manager and team of councillors to ensure policing is geared up to meet the needs of the community."

Supt Fraser said the decision to change the beats was not taken lightly.

A meet for crime authors



John Fiddler and Emily Jane Turner get ready for the night with former gangsters at The Vault, Darlaston

TRUE crime fans can attend an evening with authors at a Darlaston nightspot this weekend to raise money for Midland hospitals.

The Vault Bar in Walsall Road is organising the event and auction to collect cash towards Walsall Manor and Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Best-selling author Cass

Pennant, Carlton Leach of Rise of the Footsoldier fame and writer and movie actor Dave Courtney will be talking to fans on Sunday, October 2.

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Author the Rev Carol Hathorne with her book Twenty One Today

Book testament to the Rev Carol

A PRIEST in Walsall has launched her latest book.

The Rev Carol Hathorne's new novel, *Twenty One Today*, is a sequel to her previous work *One Sixteen*.

It follows on with the story of three girls from the Black Country who turn 21 in 1965, exploring their relationships with their families and each other.

Happened

It took six months for the Rev Hathorne, who is one of the priests at Holy Trinity Church, in Church Road, Willenhall, to write the book.

"I am very happy with it," said the 67-year-old, who grew up in Tipton but now lives in Church Road, Willenhall, and has 20 titles to her name.

"I wrote the first book about these three girls and people were keen to find out what happened to them. People don't need to have read the first one to enjoy the book – it stands in its own."

A book launch takes place at The Rectory, in Church Road, on Saturday, October 22, between 10am and 1pm. It costs £6.50.

For more information email the Brierley Hill-based publishers, The Kates Hill Press, on kateshillpress@blueyonder.co.uk

Pigs insult for Muslim family

A MAN placed two pigs' heads on a spiked gate outside a Muslim family's home in Walsall, a court heard.

William Walker was caught on camera, along with accomplice Raymond Holmes, who passed him a chair to help.

The pair had been drinking at the George pub, in Bloxwich, on May 12, Walsall magistrates were told last week.

Walker had brought the two animal heads to the High Street pub and was

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later caught on CCTV placing them on a spiked gate outside a house opposite.

The 46-year-old, of Keats Road, Willenhall, was seen being helped by 53-year-old Holmes, of Parker Street, Bloxwich, who carried a chair out of the pub for him to stand on. Other people recorded their actions on mobile phones.

Mrs Jo Taylor, prosecuting, said the house belonged

to a Muslim family. She said this was "one of the worst insults" to their faith.

She said Mr Islam discovered the heads but at first thought they were deflated footballs. "He described himself as being extremely distressed".

Holmes admitted a public order offence without racial intent and was fined £35, with £85 costs and £15 victim surcharge. Walker admitted racially aggravated behaviour and was bailed until October 11 for a report to be prepared.

Ulcers clue to tragedy

A MAN with a history of drinking problems who was found collapsed at his Walsall home had burst ulcers, an inquest heard.

Kieron Hanley, aged 45, was pronounced dead at Manor Hospital despite efforts to resuscitate him on June 21 this year after he was found on the floor of his bedroom by friends.

A post mortem found that unemployed Mr Hanley, of Dolphin Close, Goscoe, had ulcers on his oesophagus near the stomach.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict that death was due to blood loss due to bleeding ulcers in the oesophagus, alcohol and broncho-pneumonia. The hearing was at the hospital.

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'Unfair' parking penalties probe

AN INVESTIGATION has been launched over changes to parking at a Walsall retail park, with 20 motorists complaining they were wrongly fined.

The drivers have protested about the new ticket machine system at Crown Wharf Shopping Park, in Wolverhampton Street, where a pay-on-arrival scheme was introduced three months ago.

Councillors now want to hear from shoppers about their experiences, and will pass information to trading standards investigators.

Under the new scheme, one hour of free parking has been scrapped and automatic number plate recognition technology introduced. Drivers have to punch their registration number into a machine when they pay and it is claimed fines were sent out after numbers were entered incorrectly.

Automatic

Willenhall's Councillor Diane Coughlan said: "We are trying to get more shoppers into our town centres and we are getting problems with fines. It will drive customers away."

John Albany-Ward, of Crown Wharf operator Munroe K Asset Management, said the company is working with the council to iron out any issues.

"It was the council's recommendation to change the system. The new arrangement has been in place for three months and there still seem to be teething issues."

Street cafe plea

A STREET cafe will be set up in Walsall town centre under plans submitted to the borough council. The cafe is planned for the street in front of Dino's Fish and Chip Restaurant, in St. Paul's Street, and the Highways Agency has no objections.

Young trends, 1952



Walsall Museum worker Jennifer Thompson admires a child's coat dating back to 1952

A child's coat from nearly six decades ago is among the items at a display in Walsall Museum.

The fashion exhibition titled When I'm 64 charts the life of Janet, who was born in 1947, through the clothing she would have worn during her life.

Using costumes from the museum's extensive collection the exhibits include two christening gowns taken from the era when robes were passed down. It also features fashions from post war austerity such as child's green coat from 1952, a display of a teenager's dresses from the early 1960s and a typical wedding dress from 1967.

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Legend's boxing gloves are going up for auction

A LEGENDARY Black Country boxer's gloves were going under the auctioneer's hammer in Walsall this week.

A large collection of personal memorabilia that belonged to Halesowen-born Joe Attwood was taken along to a valuation day run by Lichfield-based Richard Winterton Auctioneers.

The welterweight, who was born in 1890 in Hayley Green, fled to Wales to work in the mines and then to Canada after being accused of throwing a fight in his home town and being chased down the street.

Joe, who died in 1975, was reputed to have been able to hold his own in any fight.

He spent his early days in fair-ground boxing booths before becoming

a professional. In Canada he joined the Canadian Army during the First World War. He carried on boxing in the army as Sgt Attwood and after the war returned to England and resumed his career.

In 131 bouts he had 102 wins 10 draws and lost 16. Despite his success and world travels, including fights in New York and Canada.

Surprise

Joe's roots remained in his home town and he always longed to see his 'old cronies'.

According to Halesowen legend one fight was arranged at the Borough Hall with Cradley Heath's Joe Robinson and many locals placed bets on Joe to win the fight.

To the surprise, disappointment and anger of all he lost the contest in eight rounds and many of the local

lads believed that he had been bribed so to do by the bookmakers and chased him down the road.

The medals to be featured in the sale today (Thursday) and tomorrow (Friday) include his first welterweight medal from Paris 1919, a 1918 gold winners medal, his First World War and Victory medals and a First World War City of Welland gold medal.

The haul also includes his 1922 licence card to fight in New York, photographs and programmes.

The collection is lot 450 in the antique, 20th century and collectors' sale at Lichfield Auction Centre, which is also being filmed for ITV's Dickinson's Real Deal.

The sale's illustrated catalogue can be viewed online at the website www.the-saleroom.com/richard-winterton



A selection of the medals



Boxer Joe Attwood in action



The boxing gloves worn by Attwood

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Grandad's shock as wiring thief strikes

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METAL thieves targeted an elderly couple's home in Walsall, stealing copper cable and leaving them with a bill for hundreds of pounds.

Anthony Groom, aged 70, and his wife Maretta, 74, were distraught to find thieves had stolen more than 20ft of copper earthing cable from outside their home.

Grandfather Mr Groom, of Ogley Road, Brownhills, said: "There was around 20 to 30ft of cable stolen and it looks like they've used wire cutters."

"My son has been getting quotes to replace the cable and I'm a bit nervous because the last quote he got was more than £200. I could do without having to afford it. I'm very angry."

"It's the earth wire they've stolen so I'm on tenterhooks at the moment. I'm a bit cautious in case there's a power surge and we get an electric shock."

Shopping

The theft happened between Sunday evening, September 18, and the following afternoon.

Mr Groom said: "I had come back from shopping when I noticed it. There were cable clips on the ground."

There were 1,125 thefts of lead, copper and other metals in Walsall between July 2010 and June this year.

Drug charge pair cleared

THE case against a married couple accused of possessing cannabis has been dropped at Walsall Magistrates Court.

Stewart McLuckie, 29, of Tyler Road, + and Samantha McLuckie, 28, of Temple Road, Willenhall, faced a joint allegation of possession of cannabis.

It was alleged that on March 11 plants worth more than £1,000 were found at a home.

Mr McLuckie was also accused of producing the drug.

Man denies knife charge

A WALSALL man has been bailed after being charged with possession of a kitchen knife in a street.

Peter Moore, aged 44, of Sandwell Street, Caldmore, denies possessing the knife in Pinfold Street, Darlaston, on July 14.

He was committed to Wolverhampton Crown Court on Tuesday, October 25, after appearing at Walsall Magistrates' Court last week.



Anthony Groom from Brownhills has 30ft of copper earthing cable stolen from the side of his house

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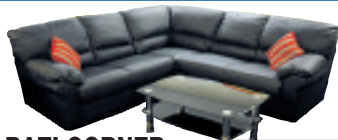
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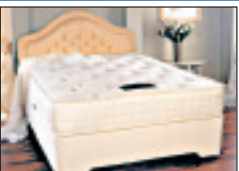
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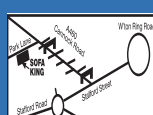


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And you can go free as the organisers have teamed up with the Chronicle to offer 10 readers the chance to win a pair of tickets (with parking included). It's the perfect holiday pit stop, whether you're new to the pastime and want to learn more or are an experienced hand keen to keep 'in the know'. Eleven halls of the National Exhibition Centre (NEC Birmingham) will be taken over by 350 companies offering visitors a comprehensive range of vehicles, accessories, campsites and destinations.

Celebrities

Visitors will also be able to see all the latest 2012 launch models, compare and contrast different products and prices and order in time for the 2012 holiday season.

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Uzambezi Arts, the premier UK based music and dance company specialising in

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Apart from the Young, Gifted and Black talent show, the event will include the Black History Lounge where visitors can browse black history resources, African market stalls. For more Black History Month go to www.whatsonwalsall.co.uk

Safety probe at town terminus

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SAFETY at a Walsall bus terminus which has just been revamped to the tune of hundreds of thousands of pounds is to be investigated after campaigners claimed that pedestrians were at risk of being injured.

Transport campaigner Councillor Graham Wilkes said people were still crossing the road in front of moving buses despite the £430,000 scheme to improve shelters and the road at Bradford Place.

Walsall Council has confirmed highways bosses and councillors were due to carry out a site visit at the interchange this week to get a first-hand look at pedestrian movements.

Councillor Wilkes and former West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority chairman Councillor Gary Clarke campaigned for improvements after a pensioner was knocked down in 2009.

Design

Councillor Wilkes said: "Nothing has changed with regard to safety which was the reason the work at Bradford Place was done in the first place.

"Pedestrians are still not using the designated walkway which in my opinion is due to the poor design of the scheme," he added.

Walsall Council transport manager Stuart Everton said he hoped the site visit would help resolve the issue.

Magnificent seven



Black Country Ales director Angus McMeeking with landlords Michael O'Neill, wife Dawn and Chris Plumby outside the Court House, Dudley

A REAL ale pub chain in the Black Country is celebrating a record year after securing seven entries in the 2012 Camra Good Beer Guide.

Pubs in Walsall run by Black Country Ales are among those voted in by customers as some of the best places to find a decent a good pint and a warm welcome.

Brewery director Martin Wilkes said: "The Good Beer

Guide is regarded as the real ale drinker's Bible so we are delighted that Camra members have voted seven Black Country Ales pubs into this year's edition."

The seven pubs include the Black Country Arms, in High Street, Walsall, the Springhead Tavern, in Walsall Road, Darlaston, and The Duke of Cambridge, in Coltham Road, Short Heath.

Gift fair for Rosie's fund

A CHARITY set up in honour of Aldridge schoolgirl Rosie Ross who was stabbed to death in 1991, is organising a Christmas fair.

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Walsall's own Pavarotti

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STUART WILLIAMS, of the Walsall Local History Centre, the borough council's archives service and local studies library, takes a close look at some of the remarkable and inspirational people associated with the area

MANY people will know that the borough of Walsall is famed for its rock musicians. But before that, Walsall was also known in a very different musical sphere, as the birthplace of a man whom we might call 'Walsall's Pavarotti'.

Frank Coningsby Mullings was born at the Butts in Walsall on May 10, 1881. As a boy Frank had a wonderful voice – he was the soloist at Wood Green church and made his concert debut at the age of 11, singing the soprano solos in Mendelssohn's Elijah at Wednesbury.

After becoming a teacher at Bridge School, Walsall, where he was educated, he was also a popular member of Walsall Cricket Club. But some time around 1904, Frank decided to make singing his career. From 1905-1909 he studied at the Birmingham School of Music. In 1907 Mullings won a scholarship there, studying under Fred W Beard, and George A Breeden, the greatest of all vocal teachers associated with the school until he was considered sufficiently advanced to make a tentative operatic debut.

That debut took place in Coventry in 1907 in a concert performance of Gounod's Faust. A natural actor blessed with a strong stage presence and a forceful, if not always pitch-perfect, singing style, his success at this first attempt induced him to proceed with a vocal career, starting with the John Ridding Opera Company for the summer of 1907.

College

He eventually made his initial London appearance at the Queen's Hall in 1911, from where he went rapidly forward.

Mullings sang in many concerts and oratorios at provincial festivals, and in 1913 he went into Grand Opera, making his debut at Birmingham's Prince of Wales Theatre.

That year he became a member of the Denhof Opera Company, where his acclaimed first tour as Tristan put him well on the way to the front rank as an English tenor. In 1916, Sir Thomas Beecham formed a fine company of British artists, with Frank Mullings, Frederic Austin, Frederick Ranalow, Robert Radford and Miriam Licette among the principals, singing operas all in English, and began many seasons at the Aldwych and Drury Lane Theatres in London.

It was there that Mullings was heard to best advantage when he gave wonderful studies of Otello and Tristan. Frank was engaged by the Beecham Opera Company until 1921. A notable milestone in Frank Mullings' career was when he was the first to sing the part of Wagner's Parsifal in English, which he did at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, in 1919. He



Frank Mullings as Canio in Pagliacci, 1923-4

later performed with the British National Opera Company from 1922 until its closure in 1929.

Mullings was a noted interpreter, in England at least, of Verdi's Otello, and was also the first to sing that role in English, as well as being noted for his performance as Wagner's Tristan.

He created the role of Hadyar in Nail by Isidore de Lara (1910), and the role of Apollo in Alkestis by Rutland Boughton (1922).

Music critic Neville Cardus, who came to know Mullings well, wrote in one of his press reviews: "Mr Mullings acted Canio in Pagliacci far beyond the plane of conventional Italian opera of the 'blood and sand' order. His singing is not exactly all honey, but how intensely he lived in the part! He almost persuades us that there is real tragedy about – that if the puppet Canio were pricked, blood and not sawdust would come forth."

Sir Thomas Beecham wrote in his book A Mingled Chime (1943) that Frank Mullings' voice "had a poetry, spirituality and intelligence which I have never heard in any other native artist and in very few elsewhere," and there were many who agreed with that sentiment at the time.

Frank is thought to have lived in Glebe Street, Walsall, for several years and taught singing lessons at Darlington Street Methodist Church, in Wolverhampton. At the height of his fame, he joined the staff of the Birmingham School of Music, teaching voice, and worked there from 1927 until 1946.

He also lectured at the Royal Manchester College of Music from 1944 but returned regularly to the Midlands to teach. Frank's voice is preserved on a series of 80rpm (not 78rpm)



Frank Mullings as Herod at Walsall Choral Dramatic Festival in the Town Hall, Christmas 1935

records which he made for Columbia, including selections from Lohengrin, Meistersinger, Tannhäuser, Aida, Pagliacci and Otello, as well as oratorio and songs among which last-mentioned was The Gentle Maiden which achieved tremendous popularity. Some of these are at Walsall Local History Centre.

Mullings died in Manchester on May 19, 1953, at the age of 72. His obituary in The Gramophone by H. Hugh Harvey recalled "...the great days of the Beecham Opera Company's performances during the First World War, and ... happy memories of one of the finest artists of his day."

While he might not have achieved the dizzying heights of the modern Three Tenors, in his own time Frank Mullings was justly famous in the world of English opera, and put his home town firmly on the operatic stage.

I can see no reason why he should not be affectionately known to posterity as 'Walsall's Pavarotti'.

For local and family history, drop into Walsall Local History Centre, Essex Street, which is part of Walsall Council, log on to www.walsall.gov.uk/localhistorycentre or call 01922 721305.



The Royal Opera House, London, c1900

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Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School pupils return to class after getting a closer look at a helicopter

Pupils make most of emergency landing

A HELICOPTER travelling from Gatwick to Manchester was forced into an emergency landing at a school near Walsall.

The private aircraft, affected by poor visibility due to heavy rain, came down in the sports field at Cheslyn Hay Sport & Community High School.

Distance

Staff were quickly on the scene to investigate and once they were satisfied that the pilot was unhurt and there was no risk to pupils, they made the most of the visit. The school

timetable was re-arranged to enable design and technology students to quiz the pilot about helicopter engineering and take a close look at the aircraft.

The helicopter came down in the school playing field just after 9.30am on September 20. Lessons were in progress and the landing went unnoticed by all except a school office worker.

Pilot Nick Sutton, a businessman, recovered from his scare and turned teacher for the next two and a half hours to explain the dynamics of helicopter flight.

Head John Martin said: "It was a golden opportunity for students to hear from the pilot and see the helicopter close up."



Year 10 pupil Jefferson Haddon in the cockpit

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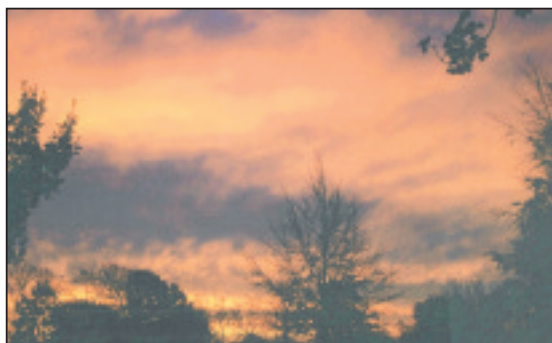
Photos submitted this week by John Bird, of Little Bloxwich, Amanda Fry, of Aldridge, Diane Brookes, of Bloxwich, and Roger Jones, of Walsall



Canada geese in the bread queue at Walsall Arboretum, from Amanda Fry



A nuthatch feeds in Roger Jones's garden



Dawn over Pelsall Common, by John Bird

Pictures of life in the borough

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Pigeon auction a coo for gallery



Auctioneer Mark Evans with pigeons at the gallery

VISITORS flocked to The New Art Gallery Walsall for an exhibition with a difference – a live pigeon auction.

A sale by Heart of England Auctions, of Moxley, saw some specimens go for as much as £130. Top class breeds on the day included Vandebrandes, Wim Moens, Gert Helens, De Meyers, Lambrechts and Limbours.

Interest

With most of the birds starting at £30, the finest examples were soon going for £110, £120 and £130.

The pigeons were kept in cages in the foyer before each of the 38 lots was held aloft. Cooing sounds and

flutters were heard as auctioneer Mark Evans rattled through the bids at speed.

Mr Evans, aged 50, said: "I have been involved with pigeons since I was 13 and I have never held an auction in a gallery before."

"It's been great and hopefully we've caught the interest of a few passers-by."

"It would be great to get more youngsters into the sport. Beginners can often get birds for free."

The weekend event brought an end to a month of pigeon fancying activities at the gallery organised by Project Pigeon, an art and education project that aims to get more people involved.

Chester draws soul fans

SOUL fans can hit the dancefloor in Walsall next week to help boost the Mayor's charity appeal.

Councillor Eileen Russell has organised the event as part of the Mayor of Walsall's Challenge 100, which aims to persuade 100 people to pledge, raise or donate £100 in 100 days.

Councillor Russell has arranged for Walsall soul singer Chester Riggan to

perform, with a curry and disco on offer too.

The event is being held at Walsall Cricket Club, Gorway Road, on Wednesday, October 5, at 7.30pm.

Councillor Russell said: "I know Chester and he's got a lovely voice so the evening promises to be a good night out for all."

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REVIEWS

Can't beat The Drums

The Drums – Portamento

Just over a year since their debut album, New York's The Drums have hit the jackpot with a second album that lives up to all their promise and more. They have fine-tuned those Smiths and surf influences into their own distinctive sound, although the genes come from Morrissey-Mar and The Beach Boys.

The songs have an autobiographical theme for singer and chief songwriter Jonny Pierce and the pains of adolescence usually make for a good pop record. The guitars jangle and chime and Jakob Graham conjures sounds from his synths not heard since the early 80s.

Right from the off Pierce is railing against a religious upbringing in Book Of Revelation. Please Don't Leave has all the hallmarks of classic 'indie' pop and If He Likes It Let Him Do It pumps its line over a melody and vocal reminiscent of A-ha.

See them at Birmingham Institute Library on Monday, November 28.

Bombay Bicycle Club – A Different Kind Of Fix

London's Bombay Bicycle Club have plugged in their electric guitars after their acoustic tour and drawn upon psychedelic pop and shoegazer rock for their third album.

The folk influence remains, for they get Fleet Foxes-like on Fracture and Beggars (at least until the drums and guitars cut in). However, Your Eyes ends up as soaring psychedelic pop and Lights Out Words Gone is a whispered soulful shuffle. Still ends the album with an anthemic ballad. Listen to A Different Kind Of Fix back-to-back with The Drums' new album and rejoice at the return of classic alternative pop.

BBC have a gig at Birmingham O2 Academy on Thursday, October 13.

NEW ALBUMS



The Drums – The Smiths blended with The Beach Boys, only much better than that sounds

Will Young – Echoes

If you've heard hit single Jealousy – and if you haven't you can't have been listening to music radio in recent months – then you have been well prepared for Echoes, for this pristine pop album is cut from the same cloth.

Ten years on from his Pop Idol triumph, it is hard to believe that Young ever needed to take the talent show route to success. Here he sounds better than ever as if his recent break to pursue acting roles has allowed him to come back refreshed. His fifth album shows him in fine vocal form, sometimes adopting a soulful falsetto, for songs united by a theme of bruised and broken hearts. It is crisply produced by Richard X. If Jealousy is the obvious hit, count on Silent Valentine as a certain future chart-topper (particularly if released shortly before February 14). To that you can add the sinky Safe From Harm and the George Michael-like dancefloor smoocher I Just Want A Lover. He certainly has at least three instalments here for his second volume after his platinum selling Hits collection.

Will Young is in concert at Birmingham O2 Academy on Sunday, November 20.

Ed Sheeran – +

The tousled-haired young singer/songwriter from Suffolk has been the surprise success story of the summer with his chart-topping debut single, The A Team, a poignant song about a heroin-addicted prostitute.

He is very much a 21st century songsmith, augmenting his simple voice and acoustic guitar approach with a few understated hip-hop influences, without being as experimental as the dubstep-influenced singer-songwriter James Blake.

What is appealing about Sheeran, what has taken this debut album to the top and makes his concerts the hottest ticket in town – including those for his gig at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Tuesday, January 17 – is that he writes about real people in real situations. The public can identify with his songs, whether they be about embarking on fatherhood or the simple delight in feeling a loved one's eyelash flutter on your cheek as you lie together.

If you like music rooted in real life, if you like artists such as Damien Rice, David Gray and Tracy Chapman, you will probably enjoy +.

The Rifles – Freedom Run

Listen up fans of Editors, The Beta Band, Stereophonics, The Bees and The Coral, or rather listen to, The Rifles. The London band specialise in infectious, melodic guitar-riffing pop/rock and with veteran ace producer Chris Potter (The Rolling Stones, The Clash, U2 and The Verve's Urban Hymns) at the controls, Freedom Run is something special.

Potter has given The Rifles the means to create their own wall of sound with additional piano and strings adding to the guitars and harmonies.

Apply for a band that loves The Jam, he has brought a Motown influence that is most apparent on Tangled Up In Love. And if you want mod, you will not hear many new songs more modish than Love Is A Key.

You can join The Rifles at Birmingham O2 Academy on Monday, November 7.

The Answer – Revival

The opening slide guitar licks blend into opening track Waste Your Tears and the Northern Irish melodic metal band deliver a classic swaggering rocker that could have been recorded any time in the past 35 years.

Cormac Neeson is a rock vocalist from the classic Plant/Coverdale/Bon Scott mould, and any doubts about placing him in such star-studded company should be allayed by the time you've reached their third album's third track, the harmonica-blasting raspy Trouble.

He duets (duets?) with St Jude's Lynne Jackman on the battle of the lungs that is supercharged power ballad Nowhere Freeway.

It will be a case of Birmingham are you ready to rock when The Answer visit the O2 Academy on October 19.

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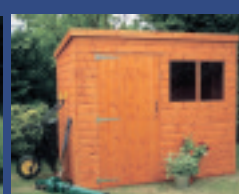


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Alan to head the comedy capers

THE COMEDY highlight of the next week will be that chatty man Alan Carr's two nights at Birmingham NIA over the weekend, October 1 and 2.

But there are also laughs to be had in Wolverhampton with Russell Kane at the Wulfrun Hall on Sunday (Oct 2) and Hal Cruttenden at The Slade Rooms on Tuesday (Oct 4).

Meanwhile, the much-loved comedienne and actress Beryl Reid will be remembered in Roll Out The Beryl at the city's Arena Theatre tomorrow night (Friday, Sep 30). Expect a guest appearance from her marvellous Brummie character Marlene.

Camp humour and music combine in pink and perky hit show Legally Blonde The Musical. The touring version of the West End hit arrives at Birmingham's New Alex on Tuesday and runs until October 15. It's a great girls' night out.

The Real Deal Comedy Jam brings American stand-up star Cocoa Brown to the Alex on Saturday as part of a five comic bill.

Birmingham Royal Ballet performs its sumptuous version of Beauty and the Beast at Birmingham Hippodrome until Sunday, and there is Chinese circus at Wolverhampton Grand with Shanghai by Cirque du Ciel.

Classic drama follows at the Grand with the West End version of First World War drama Journey's End from October 4 to 8.

There's no show like Slava's Snowshow



Slava Polunin creates a dream-like world which amazes young and old alike

UNLESS you caught one of his previous rare visits to the UK, you will have seen nothing else quite like Slava's Snowshow, the dream-like creation of brilliant Russian clown Slava Polunin.

The France-based entertainer tours the world with his unique and spectacular production, last seen in Birmingham several years ago. But he is bringing his company of clowns back for performances at Birmingham Hippodrome from November 9 to 13.

Slava's vision of clowning is light years away from the tired old big top stereotype. Once seen never forgotten, his show creates an alternative world of strange, surreal beauty where very peculiar things happen, such as a coat and hat stand getting a life of its own or a blizzard happening indoors.

Awards

Slava Polunin was influenced by such artists as Charles Chaplin and Marcel Marceau and he himself went on to influence some of Cirque du Soleil's greatest flights of fancy.

Slava's Snowshow has garnered a shelf full of awards and has been performed in 120 cities in 30 countries to more than three million spectators, and his latest UK visit will include a season at London's Royal Festival Hall.

Few productions really deserve the description 'magical' but Slava's Snowshow does, especially in the famous finale when the audience are united in child-like glee as giant bouncing balls are released into the auditorium.

Tickets are priced at £14 to £30. Special discounts for families available at certain performances. Tickets available on 0844 338 5000 or online at www.birminghamhippodrome.com. Calls cost from 5p per minute and a five per cent booking fee applies.

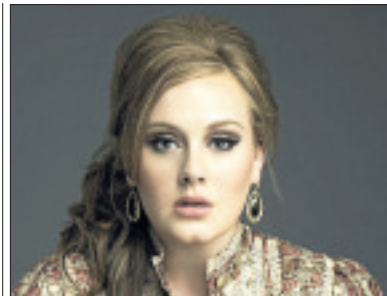


Chart sensation Adele will play at the Civic Hall

Adele's concerts are rescheduled

SINGING sensation Adele has rescheduled her two Wolverhampton Civic Hall dates which were postponed due to her chest infection.

The Londoner, whose second album 21 has been a global success, has rearranged six of her UK tour dates from earlier this month for November. The rescheduled Civic dates will now take place on Monday and Tuesday, November 7 and 8. Tickets for September 10 remain valid for November 7 and September 11 tickets for November 8.

Should the rescheduled dates be unsuitable, face value refunds are available from point of purchase on return of tickets. All enquiries to Midland Box Office on 0870 320 7000.

Pumpkins carving out new UK tour

INFLUENTIAL Chicago rock band The Smashing Pumpkins are back on the road and will close their week-long UK tour in November with a gig at Birmingham O2 Academy on Saturday, November 19.

The band featuring singer and guitarist Billy Corgan, guitarist Jeff Schroeder, bassist Nicole Fiorentino and drummer Mike Byrne made an immediate impact in 1991 with their platinum-selling debut Gish. In a career selling 30 million albums they also released Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness, Siamese Dream and Adore, before returning in 2007 with sixth album Zeitgeist. Of their new music, Corgan says: "It harkens back to the original psychedelic roots of The Smashing Pumpkins - atmospheric, melodic, heavy and pretty."

Cinema date for Black Country Communion

FOR one night only, on November 1 at 7.30pm, 15 Vue Cinemas nationwide - including Birmingham - will screen Black Country Communion's debut concert film Live Over Europe in high definition and Dolby 5.1 Surround Sound.

Black Country Communion is the Anglo-American rock group featuring the talents of Cannock-raised

bassist/vocalist Glenn Hughes (Deep Purple, Trapeze), blues rock guitarist/vocalist Joe Bonamassa, Dudley-born drummer Jason Bonham (who followed his father into the Led Zepplin drumseat), and keyboardist Derek Sherinian (Dream Theater). Live Over Europe was filmed using 14 HD cameras during BCC's first world tour in 2011.

Recorded in Hamburg, Munich and Berlin, the band's set includes 18 songs taken from both of BCC's albums, 2010's eponymous debut, and this year's follow-up album release 2.

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BBC1, 7.50pm

In the first of a two-part opener, the eponymous spell-caster faces his toughest challenge yet when Morgana's single-minded determination threatens not only Arthur's future, but also the balance of the world. With her power stronger than ever, the sorceress summons the mighty Callieach to rip open the veil between the between the real and supernatural worlds. The locals are terrified as demonic beasts pour forth, killing everyone they touch. With Uther a shadow of his former self, Arthur and his loyal knights are left to protect the kingdom. The cast includes Colin Morgan, Anthony Head and Richard Wilson.

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Cooking. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.05** Film: Goal II: Living the Dream. (2007) Football drama, starring Kuno Becker. **2.50** Don't Scare the Hare. **3.30** A Question of Sport. (R) **4.00** Celebrity MasterChef. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** Celebrity MasterChef.

6.00 Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host the second of this weekend's two live shows, as seven more couples take to the floor with either a cha-cha-cha or waltz.

7.05 Doctor Who. The Time Lord makes his final journey to the shores of Lake Silencio in Utah. Last in the series.

7.50 Merlin. New series. Part one of two. Camelot is attacked by creatures from another world.

8.35 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. Two brothers answer questions in the high-tension quiz show hosted by Nick Knowles.

9.25 Casualty. Linda resorts to desperate measures to help Annie.

10.15 BBC News; Weather. **10.30** Match of the Day. Including highlights of Everton v Liverpool; National Lottery Update.

12.00 The Football League Show. **1.15** Weatherview. **1.20** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) **12.45** Astaire and Rogers Sing the Great American Songbook. (R) **1.15** Film: Flying Down to Rio. (1933) Musical, starring Gene Raymond. **2.40**

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Film: An American in Paris. (1951) Musical, starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron. **4.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.30** Flog It! (R)

6.30 Dad's Army. Jones suffers a financial crisis. (R)

7.00 Frost on Nixon. TV presenter David Frost talks to broadcaster Joan Bakewell about his landmark interviews with former US president Richard Nixon, which were first aired in 1977.

9.00 Qi XL. With Phill Jupitus, Rich Hall, Jimmy Carr and Alan Davies. (R)

9.45 FILM: Frost/Nixon. (2008) Premiere. Fact-based drama, starring Frank Langella, Michael Sheen, Sam Rockwell and Kevin Bacon.

11.40 FILM: Extraordinary Rendition. (2007) Thriller, starring Omar Berdouni and Andy Serkis.

12.55 Later with Jools Holland. (R) **2.00** Close.

8.00 Live Rugby World Cup. England v Scotland (Kick-off 8.30am). **11.30** ITV News; Weather. **11.40** Coronation Street. **2.00** The X Factor. (R) **3.30** People Do the Funniest Things Abroad. (R) **4.30** Rugby World Cup Highlights. **5.30** Regional Programmes. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New You've Been Framed!

6.30 All Star Family Fortunes. With Emmerdale actor Christopher Bisson and McFly's Harry Judd.

7.30 The X Factor. Celebrity guests help the judges select the final 16.

9.30 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Gary Barlow, Tulisa Contostavlos, Ewan McGregor and Steve Coogan.

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10.30 ITV News; Weather. **10.45** FILM: Shaun of the Dead. (2004) Comedy horror, starring Simon Pegg, Nick Frost, Kate Ashfield, Dylan Moran and Lucy Davis.

12.30 Live Rugby World Cup. Argentina v Georgia (Kick-off 1.00am). **3.05** Live Rugby World Cup. New Zealand v Canada (Kick-off 3.30am). **5.30** Live Rugby World Cup

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Film Show. (R) **7.00** Channel 4 Presents - Lee Pearson. (R) **7.05** Superbike World Championship 2011. (R) **7.30** British Formula 3 International Series. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Jason Derulo's RnB It Girls Top 20. **9.25** T4: Smalville. (R) **10.20** T4: What's Your Number? T4 Movie Special. **10.50** T4: Cher Lloyd: Video Exclusive. **10.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **11.25** T4: Made in Chelsea. **12.30** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15**

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Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.45** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.20 Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.50** Channel 4 News. **7.20** 4thought.tv. **7.25** FILM: X-Men Origins: Wolverine. (2009) Superhero adventure prequel, starring Hugh Jackman.

9.30 The Million Pound Drop Live. **10.55** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut. **11.45** Rude Tube. (R)

12.45 Film: Love Aaj Kal. (2009) Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Saif Ali Khan. **3.05** Without a Trace. **4.35** Hill Street Blues. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.00** Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.00** Big Brother: The Eviction Interview. (R) **12.30** Superior Interiors with Kelly Hoppen. (R) **1.30** Film: Zulu Dawn. (1979) Fact-based historical drama, starring Burt Lancaster. **3.50** Film: The Battle at Apache Pass. (1952) Western, with Jeff Chandler. **5.30** Film: Battle of the Bulge. (1965) Second World War drama, starring Robert Shaw.

8.20 5 News Weekend. **8.25** NCIS. A suspect dies while being restrained by Ziva, who finds herself accused of using undue force and becomes the subject of an internal investigation. Drama, starring Cote de Pablo. (R)

9.30 Big Brother. Highlights of the latest goings-on, including the latest eviction from the housemates' point of view.

10.25 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. An investment banker is found dead and suspicion falls on his boyfriend, a professional American football player desperate to keep his sexuality a secret.

11.20 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
3.20 The Only Way Is Essex **4.50** The X Factor **6.20** Film: Catwoman (2004) Superhero adventure, starring Halle Berry. **8.30** Homes from Hell **9.30** The Xtra Factor **10.30** Celebrity Juice **11.15** Film: Happy Gilmore (1996)

ITV3
2.25 Mansfield Park **4.10** Rosemary & Thyme **5.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** A Touch of Frost **11.00** Inspector Morse

ITV4
3.05 British Superbike Championship Highlights **4.05** Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) **7.00** Rugby World Cup Highlights **8.00** Minder **9.00** Johnny Vegas Live at the Benidorm Palace **10.30** Film: American Gangster (2007) Fact-based crime drama, starring Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe.

BBC THREE
7.00 Top Gear **8.05** World's Craziest Fools **8.35** Doctor Who Confidential **9.20** Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel **9.30** Film: Con Air (1997) **11.20** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Life **8.00** Michael Wood's Story of England **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.35** Sandhurst **11.35** Top of the Pops: 1976

E4
1.25 Hollyoaks **4.00** Made in Chelsea **5.00** One Tree Hill **6.00** Samantha Who? **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.55** Perfect Couples **8.25** How I Met Your Mother **8.55** Happy Endings **9.30** Film: Babylon AD (2008) Sci-fi adventure, starring Vin Diesel. **11.10** The Cleveland Show

FILM4
3.05 Yangtze Incident (1957) **4.55** Tristan and Isolde (2006) **7.15** Bedazzled (2000) Fantasy comedy remake, starring Brendan Fraser. **9.00** A Time to Kill (1996) **11.50** Saw II (2005)

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THAT SUNDAY NIGHT SHOW

ITV1, 10.15pm

Sometimes it's easy to forget that despite fronting much-maligned breakfast show Daybreak and ITV's UEFA Champions League coverage, Adrian Chiles is actually a proper, bona fide journalist. Therefore, his ability to host a series like this is undoubted, but whether or not his talent is suited to the format is questionable. As usual, the content is very much up-to-the-minute, so there's no way to tell where the news will take it, but usual topics up for discussion between Adrian and his guests are the latest political headlines, and celebrity crazes.

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Country Tracks. **12.00** The Politics Show. **1.05** EastEnders. **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Deadly 60 on a Mission. (R) **4.30** Planet Dinosaur. (R) **5.00** Points of View. **5.30** Songs of Praise.

6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Helen Skelton visit the World Sheep Dog Trials.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts visit Lulworth Castle in Dorset, where items include a rare copy of the abdication papers of Edward VIII and a leather tankard made for Oliver Cromwell.

9.00 Spooks. An anarchist enters the country.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 My Favourite Joke. Comedians discuss Woody Allen, Richard Pryor, Jack Dee and Laurel and Hardy. (R)

10.55 Outnumbered. Ben is determined to enter a school talent competition. (R)

11.25 Ask Rhod Gilbert. With Deborah Meaden and Shappi Khorsandi. (R)

12.00 The Sky at Night. **12.20** Weather. **12.25** Sign Zone: Dragons' Den. (R) **1.25** Holby City. (R) **2.25** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **3.10** Windfarm Wars. (R) **4.10** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **6.30** MotoGP. The Japanese Grand Prix (Start-time 7.00am). **8.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **12.30** MotoGP. (R) **2.00**

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Racing from Longchamp. **3.35** Rugby League. **4.30** James May's Things You Need to Know. **5.00** The RIBA Stirling Prize 2011: A Culture Show Special.

6.00 Dragons' Den: How to Win in the Den. (R)

7.00 Top Gear. (R)

8.00 A South American Journey with Jonathan Dimbleby. The broadcaster embarks on a journey across Brazil. Last in the series.

9.00 Fry's Planet Word. How language contributes to people's identity.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal.

11.20 Mock the Week. With guests Milton Jones and Ed Byrne. (R)

11.50 FILM: Kidulthood. (2005) Premiere. Urban drama, starring Noel Clarke.

1.20 The RIBA Stirling Prize 2011: A Culture Show Special. (R) **2.20** BBC News. **4.05** Close.

8.00 Live Rugby World Cup. Ireland v Italy (Kick-off 8.30am). **11.00** ITV News; Weather. **11.05** Film: Dragonheart. (1996) Fantasy adventure, starring Dennis Quaid. **1.00** The X Factor. (R) **3.00** Countrywise - The Real Downtown Abbey. (R) **4.00** Downtown Abbey. (R) **5.15** Rugby World Cup Highlights.

6.15 Regional Programmes.

6.30 ITV News; Weather.

6.45 Holding Out for a Hero. Three more contestants take part.

7.45 The X Factor. The judges have to tell the remaining acts in their categories who has made it into the final 16, and who is heading home disappointed. Dermot O'Leary presents.

9.00 Downtown Abbey. The wounded officers arrive at Downtown.

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10.15 That Sunday Night Show. With Jenny Eclair, Alan Johnson and Richard Madeley.

10.45 ITV News; Weather.

11.00 Missing Millions. (R)

12.00 Premiership Rugby Union.

1.00 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** British Superbikes. **2.55** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Ironman Wales. **7.50** T4: Channel 4 Presents - Jonnie Peacock. (R) **7.55** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **8.50** T4: Battlefront. **9.05** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.35** T4: Kasabian: The Album Chart Show Special. **12.10** T4: Abduction: T4 Movie Special. **12.45** Film: T4: Cheaper By the Dozen 2. (2005) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Martin. **2.45** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **3.20** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **3.50** Channel 4 Presents - Nathan Stephens: True Grit. (R) **3.55** Best of British. **4.55** Deal or No Deal. **5.55** Channel 4 News.

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6.30 FILM: Star Trek. (2009) Premiere. Sci-fi adventure, starring Chris Pine.

9.00 Fighting on the Frontline.

10.00 FILM: Nowhere Boy. (2009) Premiere. Biopic of John Lennon, starring Aaron Johnson.

11.50 Music on 4: Arthur's Day.

12.55 Trip to Yatkumchatka. (R)

1.00 American Football Live. **4.45** European Wheelchair Fencing Championships 2011. (R) **5.10** Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Rally Driving. **5.20** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fili and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Elmo's World. (R) **7.05** The Save-Ums! (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** Hana's Helpline. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Animal Families. (R) **10.00** Great Edinburgh Run 2011. Live coverage of the annual 10km race. **11.30** Inside Hollywood. **11.40** The Beat Goes On. **12.40** Big Brother. (R) **1.40** Film: Westbound. (1959) Western, starring Randolph Scott. **3.05** Film: Stand By Me. (1986) Coming-of-age drama, starring River Phoenix. **4.45** Film: The Goonies. (1985) Children's adventure, starring Sean Astin.

7.00 Extraordinary People: The World's Smallest Musclemans. A profile of primordial dwarf Aditya "Romeo" Dev. (R)

8.00 5 News Weekend.

8.05 Warship.

9.00 Big Brother.

10.00 FILM: Shallow Hal. (2001) Comedy, starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Jack Black.

12.10 Ultimate Emergency Bikers. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** UEFA Europa League Highlights. **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
3.55 Minute to Win It **4.55** Film: Catwoman (2004) **7.00** The Biggest Loser **8.00** Help! I Caught It Abroad **2 9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.15** The Only Way Is Essex **11.00** Film: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005)

ITV3
2.10 Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966) **4.05** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **5.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **6.50** The Darling Buds of May **9.00** Film: Ray (2004)

ITV4
11.00 British Touring Car Championship. Live coverage from Brands Hatch. **6.00** Goodwood Revival 2011 **7.00** Minder **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Rugby World Cup Highlights **10.00** Film: Casino (1995)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who **7.45** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Young Soldiers **9.00** Live at the Apollo **10.00** The Fades **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!

BBC FOUR
7.00 The Department Store **8.00** The Maharajas' Motor Car: The Story of Rolls-Royce in India **9.00** The Secret Life of the Airport **10.00** Film: Eyes Wide Open (2009) **11.30** Singer-Songwriters at the BBC

E4
4.05 Supersize vs Superskinny **5.10** Film: Charlotte's Web (2006) **7.00** Smallville **8.00** Film: Jumper (2008) Fantasy thriller, starring Hayden Christensen and Samuel L. Jackson. **9.40** Rude Tube **10.15** The Inbetweeners **10.50** The IT Crowd **11.20** Campus

FILM4
3.00 Volcano (1997) **4.55** Carry On Abroad (1972) **6.40** A Room with a View (1986) **8.55** Saoirse Ronan on The Lovely Bones **9.00** The Lovely Bones (2009) **11.35** Water Lilies (2007)



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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.00 Daily Politics Conference Special. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.45 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Flot II 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. 7.00 Coast. (R) 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Home Cooking Made Easy. 9.00 Dragons' Den. A young businessman seeks the biggest investment the Den has ever seen. Last in the series. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 Today at Conference. 11.50 Fly's Planet Word. (R) 12.50 The One Show. 1.30 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with Gabby. 12.05 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Big Brother. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: Miami. (R) 3.15 Film: The Unforgotten. (2007) Period drama, starring Scout Taylor-Compton. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. 6.25 OK! TV. 7.30 5 News at 7.30 Celebrity Wish List. 5 News Update. 8.00 The Gadget Show. 5 News at 9. 9.00 The Hotel Inspector. 10.00 Big Brother. 11.00 Big Brother: Bit on the Side. 12.00 The Police Interceptors. (R) 12.55 SuperCasino. 4.00 Meals in Moments. (R) 4.10 Grey's Anatomy. 4.55 Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

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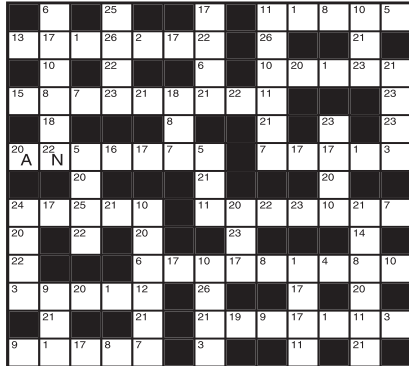
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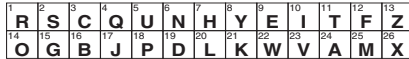
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Across

3. Something for people to obey or dance round in (9)
8. Consumes some cheese at supper-time (4)
9. Put in for one stripe, perhaps (9)
10. Approximate length of an informal adieu (2-4)
11. Finally refusing employment (5)
14. Attire suitable for climbers (3-2)
15. You won't hear yourself so described (4)
16. Possibly smart vehicles (5)
18. He's wicked when old (4)
20. It must be back before the tenth (5)
21. Bird came out of the pines (5)
24. Spat in the tank lethargically! (6)
25. Watch and see how long the music takes (9)
26. To turn to something fragrant (4)
27. Russian compiler's dog? (3,6)

Down

1. He supplies people with the latest information (9)
2. Exercises like cats become involved in (9)
4. A step up the ladder (4)
5. Thoughts from Seaside (5)
6. Add a very quiet finale (6)
7. Group of actors start to fish (4)
10. To sleep in it is unlifting (5)
11. It's the custom to give us time (5)
12. Good breeding quality (9)
13. It may come from a friend, but also from a foe in fact (9)
17. Half a quarter (5)
19. Lowers oneself? (6)
22. It may be used for coats of many colours (5)
23. Apparently not the top team (4)
24. A chore with no alternative but to hurt (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

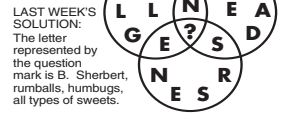
3. Candidate (9)
8. Finished (4)
9. Expiation (9)
10. However (6)
11. Avarice (5)
14. Suffuse (5)
15. Go first (4)
16. Shirk (5)
18. Judge (4)
20. Yet (5)
21. Elevate (5)
24. Empty (6)
25. Song (9)
26. Aspiration (4)
27. Savagery (9)

Down

1. Strength (9)
2. Answer (9)
4. Way (4)
5. Of the moon (5)
6. Force (6)
7. Not any (4)
9. Consent (5)
11. Serious (5)
12. Pleasing (9)
13. Flattering (9)
17. Composition (5)
19. Loadstone (6)
22. Move furtively (5)
23. Indigent (4)
24. Huge (4)

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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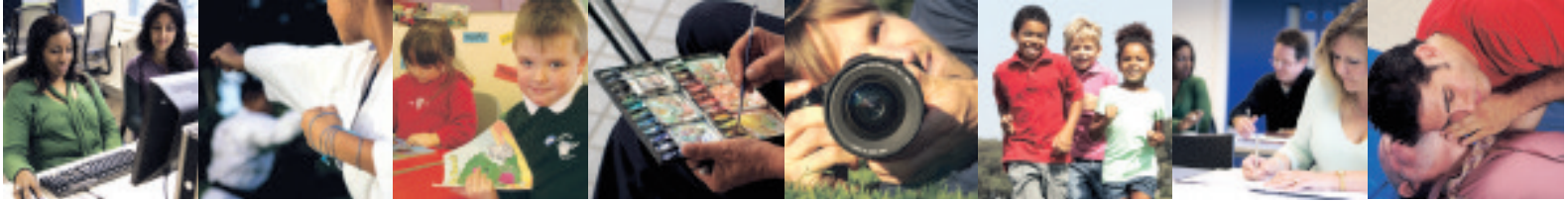
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Abbotts Street, Bloxwich, WS3 3AZ

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		ACTIVITY	COST PER PERSON
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	12.30-2.30pm	Sugarcraft	£4.50
	1.00 - 3.00pm	It's Sew Easy	£4.00
	3.00 - 5.00pm	Balroom and Latin	£5.00
	7.00-9.00pm	Sugarcraft	£4.50
TUESDAY	7.15-8.45pm	Line Dancing	£3.75
	10.00-12.00pm	Computer Beginners Club	£4.00
	10.00-12.00pm	It's Sew Easy	£4.00
	11.00-11.30am	NHS Mobility Exercise	Free
	1.00 - 3.00pm	Jewellery Making	£6.00
WEDNESDAY	2.15 - 4.15pm	Sugarcraft	£2.50
	10.00 - 11.00am	Tai Chi	£3.75
	10.30 - 12.30pm	Computer Club	£4.00
	1.30 - 3.30pm	Digital Photography	£4.00
	7.00-9.00pm	Sugarcraft	£4.50
THURSDAY	9.30 - 11.00am	French	£5.50
	9.30 - 11.30am	Sugar Craft	£4.50
	10.00-12.00pm	Knit & Knatter	£2.00
	3.00 - 4.30pm	Line Dancing	£3.75
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Zumba	£4.00
FRIDAY	10.00-11.00am	Belly Dancing	£3.75
	10.00-12.00pm	Eldy Computer Club	£4.00
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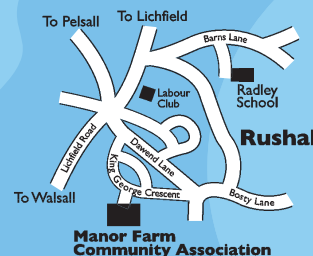
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Email: info@manorfarmca.com

VOCATIONAL COURSES

MONDAY

City and Guilds
Creative Techniques in Floristry

5.00pm-8.00pm **Beginners**
5.30pm-8.30pm **Improvers**

Creative Techniques in Sugarcraft

6.30pm-9.00pm **Level 1 & 2**

Teaching Assistant Qualification
Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools

12.45pm-2.45pm **Level 2**
12.45pm-2.45pm **Level 3**

OCR Entry Level 3
Information Computer Technology

A beginners computer course.

10.00am-12noon

Adult Literacy

Improve your literacy skills and gain a recognised qualification.

10.00am-12noon

City and Guilds
Teaching Certificate

Preparing to teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTTLS) 7303.

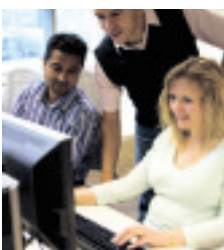
6.30pm-8.30pm

Adult Numeracy

Improve your numeracy skills and gain a recognised qualification.

7.00pm-9.00pm

TUESDAY



BCS Level 1 and 2
IT Skills Award

ECDL Essentials and ECXL Extra.

10.00am-1.00pm

BCS Level 1 and 2 (October start)
IT Skills Award
ECDL Essentials and ECXL Extra.

6.30pm-9.00pm

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1.00pm-3.00pm

Literacy

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7.00pm-9.00pm

Cache QCF (NVQ)

Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools

A recognised qualification for teaching assistants.

7.00pm-9.00pm **Level 2**

7.00pm-9.00pm **Level 3**



WEDNESDAY

BCS Level 1 and 2
IT Skills Award

ECDL Essentials and ECXL Extra.

10.00am-1.00pm

OCR Entry Level 3
Information Computer Technology

A beginners computer course.

3.00pm-5.00pm

Cache QCF (NVQ)
Childrens Care Learning and Development

A qualification for Children and Young People's Workforce.

7.00pm-9.00pm **Level 2**

7.00pm-9.00pm **Level 3**

City and Guilds
QCF (NVQ) Health and Social Care

7.00pm-9.00pm **Level 2**

7.00pm-9.00pm **Level 3**

THURSDAY

Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector Level 5 (DTLLS)

4.00pm-8.30pm

Certificate in the Lifelong Learning Sector (CTLLS) 7304

5.00pm-9.00pm

BCS Level 1 and 2

IT Skills Award

ECDL Essentials and ECXL Extra.

12noon-3.00pm

FRIDAY

Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector Level 5 (DTLLS)

9.00am-2.00pm

Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTTLS)

9.30am-11.30am

English for speakers of other languages (ESOL)

10.00am-1.00pm

Adult Maths – Minus the pressure!

10.00am-12noon

BCS Level 1 and 2
IT Skills Award

ECDL Essentials and ECXL Extra.

12noon-3.00pm

Sage

Manual and computerised accounts.

12.30pm-2.30pm

OCR Entry Level 3
Information Computer Technology

A beginners computer course.

3.00pm-5.00pm

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RECREATIONAL COURSES

MONDAY

Confidence Building, Stress Management & Assertiveness

10.00am-12noon

Basic Photography

10.00am-12noon

No Fuss Computing

10.00am-12noon

Communication Skills, Risk Assessment, Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity

10am-12noon & 7-9pm

Electronics for the Beginner to the Improver

Take the hands on approach to servicing your electrical equipment at home!

7.00pm-9.00pm

Arts Mixed Media

Includes watercolours.

7.00pm-9.00pm

Beginners Spanish

7.00pm-9.00pm

Improvers Spanish

A course suitable for people who know the basics.

7.00pm-9.00pm

TUESDAY

ART

Held at Rushall Community Centre.

1.00pm-3.00pm

Trace your Family Tree

7.00pm-9.00pm



Floristry for Beginners

For all 'budding' florists.

7.00pm-9.00pm

Confidence Building, Stress Management & Assertiveness

7.00pm-9.00pm

Good Neighbour Coffee Shop

Social club for the over 50's.

10.00am-12noon

WEDNESDAY

Basic Photography

Includes digital photography.

7.00pm-9.00pm

Basic introduction to Drawing

7.00pm-9.00pm

Drumming for Beginners

6.30pm-8.30pm

Sugarcraft

Complete beginners and those with a little experience welcome.

7.00pm-9.00pm

Tap Dancing

6.30pm-7.15pm **Beginners**

7.20pm-8.20pm **Improvers**



Watercolours

Held at Pelsall Activity Centre.

1.00pm-3.00pm

Basic Floristry

For all 'budding' florists.

10.00am-12.30pm

BSL – British Sign Language

10.00am-12noon or

7.00pm-9.00pm

THURSDAY

No Fuss Computing

10.00am-12noon

Keep Fit

Low impact exercise class suitable for all abilities includes fitness room session.

10.00am-11.00am

Basic introduction to Drawing

10.00am-12.00noon

Introduction to Helping Skills

5.00pm-7.00pm

Chicken Keeping for Beginners

7.00pm-9.00pm

BSL – British Sign Language

7.00pm-9.00pm

Introduction to Plumbing

Six week course.

7.00pm-9.00pm

FRIDAY



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No Fuss Computing

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10.00am-12.00noon

SATURDAY

CIEH Level 2 Award Food Safety in Catering

A one day course.

9.30am-4.30pm

CIEH Level 2 Award Healthier Food and Special Diets

A one day course.

9.30am-4.30pm

Emergency First Aid

9.30am-4.30pm

EBAY for beginners

A three week course.

10.00am-12noon

SUNDAY

Rushall Healing Group

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6.30pm-9.30pm

FITNESS ACTIVITIES

No need to enrol, just turn up and join in!

MONDAY

Keep Fit

Low impact exercise classes for all ages.

8.00pm-9.00pm

ZUMBA

6pm-7pm & 7pm-8pm

Parkinson's Exercise in Water

Improves strength and flexibility. Held at Oakwood School, Walsall Wood. Hydrotherapy pool.

3.00pm-4.00pm

Momentum Artistic Roller Skating Club

5.30pm-7.00pm

TUESDAY

Keep Fit

Exercise class suitable for all ages. Held at Rushall Community Centre.

9.45am-10.45am

Good Neighbour Coffee Shop

Social club for the over 50's.

10.00am-12noon

Teamelev8

Urban Gymnastics (7 years+).

6.00pm-7.00pm



Karate

Learn self defence & gain confidence.

7.00pm-8.00pm

Weightwatchers

Held at Rushall Community Centre.

7.00pm-8.00pm

Spartan Combat

Karate & self protection. (14 years+).

9.00pm-10.00pm

Little Steps Gymnastics

9.00am-5.00pm

WEDNESDAY

Adult Tap Dancing

6.30pm-7.15pm **Beginners**
7.20pm-8.20pm **Improvers**

Sports Plus Gymnastics

5.30pm-6.30pm

THURSDAY

Keep Fit

Low impact exercise class suitable for all abilities includes fitness session.

10.00am-11.00am

Social Bowling

2.00pm-4.30pm

Yoga

7.00pm-8.30pm

Step Aerobics

6.45pm-7.45pm

FRIDAY

Family Roller Skating

Skates provided.

6.00pm-7.00pm

Karate

Learn self defence and gain confidence.

7.00pm-8.00pm

SATURDAY

ISKATE

Skates provided (9 years+).

1.15pm-3.15pm

Social Bowling

11.00am-1.00pm

ZUMBA

Held at Rushall Community Centre.

11.00am-11.45am

SUNDAY

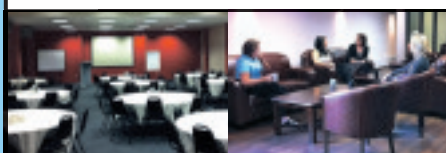
Rushall Healing Group

6.30pm-9.30pm

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MONDAY	6.00 PM - 7.00 PM	ZUMBA.....£4.00
	7.00 PM - 8.00 PM	STEP & TONE.....£3.50
TUESDAY	8.30 PM - 9.30 PM	ADULT SWIMMING.....£3.50
WEDNESDAY	6.00 PM - 7.00 PM	TOTAL TONING.....£3.50
	7.00 PM - 8.00 PM	LEGS, BUMS & TUMS.....£3.50
	8.00 PM - 8.45 PM	ZUMBA TONE.....£3.50
	8.45 PM - 9.30 PM	AQUA ZUMBA.....£3.50
		ZUMBA TONE & AQUA ZUMBA.....£5.00
THURSDAY	8.00 PM - 9.00 PM	ZUMBA.....£4.00

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Equipment includes: treadmills, exercise bikes, rowing machines, cross trainers, as well as resistance machines to tone or build muscle in your upper and lower body. Free weights are also available for use.

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Friday 5.00 pm - 8.30 pm

Saturday / Sunday 9.00 am - 4.30 pm (subject to change on centre bookings)

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- **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**-Monday 19th December 2011 - Monday 2nd January 2012
- **FEBRUARY HALF TERM**-Monday 13th February 2012 - Friday 17th February 2012
- **EASTER HOLIDAY**-Monday 2nd April 2012 - Friday 13th April 2012
- **WHITSUN HALF TERM**-Tuesday 5th June 2012 - Friday 8th June 2012
- **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**-Monday 30th July 2012 - Friday 31st August 2012

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All Courses start week commencing 26 September 2011

If you require any information on any of our courses please contact the Community Office

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Staff will be available to answer all enquiries regarding individual courses

Courses & Activities for Adults

Beechdale Lifelong Learning Centre

* Courses leading to a qualification

Monday	
Luncheon Club for the Elderly	10.00 - 1.30pm
Including , crafts activities, gentle exercise, and guest speakers.	
Cost £2.50 per week (transport and meal cost extra)	
Trips organized throughout the year.	
Floristry/Flower Arranging.	7.00 - 9.00pm
12 week term (24 hours)	
*Manual Accounts	7.00 - 9.00pm
12 weeks (24 hours)	
Tuesday	
Play Guitar	7.00 - 9.00pm
12 week term (24 hours)	
Wednesday	
IT for the Over 50's	10.00-12.00pm
12 week term (24 hours)	
IT Workshop	1.00-3.00pm
12 week term (24 hours)	
Internet for the terrified	7.00 - 9.00pm
12 week term (24 hours)	
*Adult Literacy	1.00 - 3.00pm
30 weeks (60 hours)	
Thursday	
*Adult Numeracy	1.00 - 3.00pm
Friday	
Luncheon Club for the Elderly	10.00 - 1.30pm
Including , crafts activities, gentle exercise, and guest speakers.	
Cost £2.50 per week (transport and meal cost extra)	
Trips organized throughout the year.	

Short Courses running throughout the year

*Basic First Aid (Wed 9th November 2011)	9.00 - 4.30pm
*Basic Food Hygiene (Sat 5th November 2011)	9.00 - 4.30pm
Cost £50 per person per courses	

Over 55's Social Events - Various days and times

Programme of events to be published throughout the year to include:

Speakers, Keep Fit, Bingo, Organised Trips

SOCIAL TEA DANCES

Friday 30th September 2011 - 1.30pm to 3.30pm Cost £1.50

Friday 28th October 2011 - 1.

Courses & Activities for Adults and Young people

Frank F Harrison Construction Skills Centre

Courses for Young People (16 - 18yrs)

Neet 2 Build Foundation Learning Programme

*6218-02 City & Guilds Level 1 Award in basic Construction Skills (Plumbing Modules)	
Thursday	9.00am - 4.30pm
*Functional Skills in Maths, English, ICT	
Wednesday	9.00am - 12.30pm
*Entry Level Award in Employability	
Wednesday	1.00 pm - 3.30pm

Courses for Adults

Plastering (Full year courses)

*CAA Level 1 Diploma in Plastering	9.00am - 4.30pm
Wednesday	
*CAA Level 1 Diploma in Plastering	6.00pm - 9.30pm
Wednesday & Thursday	

Brickwork (20 weeks)

*City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Brickwork	
Saturday	9.00am - 4.30pm

Plumbing (20 weeks)

*City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Plumbing/Plastering	
Wednesday	9.00am to 4.30pm

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*6218-01 City & Guilds Introductory Award in basic Construction Skills	
Plumbing modules	
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Monday		
DIY for Ladies	6.30pm - 9.30pm	Cost £60
Tuesday		
Plumbing for beginners	6.30pm - 9.30pm	Cost £60
Wednesday		
Brickwork for beginners	6.30pm - 9.30pm	Cost £60
Wednesday		
Plastering for beginners	6.30pm - 9.30pm	Cost £99
Wednesday		

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Frank. F. Harrison Community Association



PARK HALL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

OUR PROSPECTUS FOR 2011/12

We are enrolling for all our classes from Tuesday 6 September 2011 onwards with classes starting week commencing 12 September 2011 (unless otherwise stated in our prospectus or on our website)

Come along and take part in one of our fabulous recreational classes.

These include:

Conversational French, Beginners Spanish, Painting, Drawing & Creative Art, Pilates, Computers for All, Sugar Craft, Yoga, Zumba, Singing for Pleasure, Flower Arranging & Floristry, Beginners French, Keep Fit to Music (Toning without Moaning), Con-

fidant Computing, Oil & Pastel Painting, Intermediate Spanish, Ballroom for Improvers, Tai Chi, Belly Dancing and Life Drawing Mixed Media

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Children's classes:

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Forthcoming Workshops / Courses (Dates to be arranged) - please call to register your interest:

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All classes can be found on our website (www.parkhallca.co.uk) which also tells you what day each class is running and what you will need to get you started.

If you require any more information regarding any of our classes, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01922 720866 or email: reception@parkhallca.co.uk. We would love to hear from you.

**Park Hall Community Association,
Park Hall Junior School,
Park Hall Road,
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BROWNHILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

have re-located to:

Brownhills Activity Centre, Chester Road North, Brownhills WS78 7JW
Telephone Number 01543 452119

Adult Education		
Support Teaching and Learning Level 2 and 3	Tuesday 7-9pm	Jack and Jill Day Nursery - Brownhills Little Green Dragons Nursery - Clayhanger Nursery provision for children aged 0-5 years
Advice and Guidance level 3 and 4	Details on request	
ICB Basic Bookkeeping Level 1 ICB Manual Bookkeeping Level 2 ICB Manual Bookkeeping Level 3 ICB Computerised Bookkeeping Level 2 ICB Diploma in Computerised Bookkeeping Level 3 ICB Diploma in Payroll Management Level 3 OCR Bookkeeping Level 1 OCR Accounting Level 2 OCR Certificate in Accounting Level 3 EDCL Level 1 and 2 OCR Entry Level using ITC Level 3 OCR ITQ IT in User Skills Level 1 and 2 OCR Word Processing Level 1-2-3	Monday 9-11am and 11am-12noon	Brownhills Canoe and Outdoor Centre The centre offers a wide range of canoeing and kayaking activities for all to enjoy and experience. Indoor Bowling Monday and Wednesday afternoon 2-4 pm 50p session everyone welcome Brownhills Community Association offer a range of activities and room hire - Children's parties, bouncy castle hire, meetings, children's dance sessions, Spotlight Youth Productions every Sunday afternoon, glass hire, catering for parties. Walsall Wood and Brownhills Youth Clubs Monday - Thursday 6.45 - 9.25 pm
Art for All Machine Knitting Sugarcraft	Tuesday 7-9 pm Wednesday 10-12 Thursday 7-9 pm	Senior Citizens Breakfast Club Tuesday and Thursday morning 9am - 12noon

Brownhills Community Association are now re-located at their new premises at the Activity Centre located on the island at the top of Brownhills High Street. The office is open 9am - 5pm every day for enquiries.

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Potter twins join big birthday party

HARRY Potter stars James and Oliver Phelps – alias the Weasley twins – led the celebrations at the 10th birthday party for Millennium Point in Birmingham on Saturday.

The Sutton Coldfield siblings, who are about to jet off on a globe-trotting round of public appearances to mark the DVD and Blu-ray release of the final Harry Potter movie, are big fans of the futuristic centre on the city's Eastside development area.

Sir Bernard Zissman, Chairman of Millennium Point



Oliver (left) and James Phelps with circus performers at Millennium Point's 10th birthday party

Trust Board, said: "This building belongs to the people of Birmingham and the wider Midlands. Millennium Point has become the linch pin in the redevelopment of the East side of Birmingham."

Millennium Point was England's biggest Millennium Project outside London – costing £114 million including £50 from the Millennium Commission. It includes the Think Tank science museum, training space for higher education including Birmingham City University and – coming soon – a 3D cinema to replace its Imax screen.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 was the final movie shown at Millennium Point's Imax cinema earlier this month. The huge screen is now being converted into one of the Midlands' largest digital 3D cinemas. The new format will mean the cinema will be able to show a wider range of movies than the restricted Imax brand and it is hoped it will also show live coverage of the 2012 Olympics in London. It is set to be open in time to show the new Tintin 3D movie in late October.

Wizard

James and Oliver Phelps were pupils at Arthur Terry School when at the age of 14 they were cast as Fred and George Weasley, older brothers of Harry Potter's best friend Ron Weasley, in the first movie instalment of JK Rowling's best-selling saga about the boy wizard.

The 25-year-old brothers have grown up on screen and become familiar faces worldwide because of the phenomenal success of the Harry Potter films and now, with the final movie about to be released for home ownership, they have got around to acting lessons at the Actors Studio in London. Oliver, who played George, said their careers were the opposite to most in show business in that they had become movie stars and now they were going to acting school. Being part of the biggest film franchise in history doesn't stop them being nervous. "The thought of acting on stage terrifies me," admitted James, who played Fred.

Oliver, the older brother by 13 minutes, said the pre-Christmas home entertainment release of the final Harry Potter movie, meant they had a busy schedule in November attending events in Los Angeles, at the Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Florida, and in the Far East.

The brothers, whose grandmother lives in Wednesbury, were particularly delighted to be special guests at the Potter theme park in Orlando. James said "We get to go on the rides as many times as we like for free, that's like a dream come true." Oliver added: "But is a bit weird seeing yourselves as characters in a theme park."

Keen golfers, the brothers still have homes in the West Midlands and Oliver said their friends, most dating back to school days, kept their feet on the ground. "I quite like the idea of an entourage," joked Oliver. "But there is no way my friends would put up with that."

VIPs at the Millennium Point party were greeted by circus performers, were treated to an explosive science show, could join in birthday games, enjoy a slice of birthday cake and sign a giant birthday card.

Lee Evans Birmingham NIA

YOU get the impression Lee Evans could go through a two and a half hour set saying absolutely nothing and he'd still get more laughs than most comedians.

A sell out 13,000-strong crowd at Birmingham's NIA certainly didn't need much encouraging as they lapped up the laughs during Evans' latest arena show, Roadrunner.

Evans, who has been touring for more than 20 years, may not be the wittiest stand-up on the circuit, nor does he have the best one-liners or a killer comedy persona but for imaginative, honest, energetic, brilliantly physical comedy there is no one better.

Roadrunner was written in the second city during a six-month stay on Broad Street and then rehearsed and polished in Birmingham's tiny Glee Club.

If nothing else Evans used his time to perfect his Brummie accent which was regularly used when regaling the idiocy of people.

Airports, holidays, footballers, Ikea and the recent riots all got the inimitable Evans treatment in what was a jam-packed, unrelenting set which rarely failed to reach his incredibly high standards.

The best material though, as ever with Evans, was reserved for the subject of his long-suffering wife, with their rows about her putting make-up on and him having to fix a car on the side of the road getting the biggest laughs of the night.

Two songs, including old favourite Bohemian Rhapsody, polish off the evening before a standing ovation had Evans gushing with thanks.

All delivered, of course, with that unforgettable chimp-like face of elasticity; if all else fails he's got that to make us laugh for a long time yet.

TIM SPIERS

Echo and the Bunnymen, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

INFLUENTIAL Liverpudlian rockers Echo and the Bunnymen are more used to sweaty rock venues than the rarefied surroundings of the Midlands' premier classical musical venue the Symphony Hall.

Even singer Ian McCulloch, not normally known for his humility, said it was a "privilege" to play in such a prestigious "gaft", adding in his Scouse brogue that he was "made up".

The Bunnymen had made an effort to fit in. A six-piece string section began the evening with a programme that ranged from Bach to The Beatles (a pleasant arrangement of Something) and, most popular with the audience, a treatment of Joy Division's Love Will Tear Us Apart.

Interesting to hear The Beatles at a Bunnymen gig, McCulloch in his pomp would probably have described them as the second best band out of Liverpool.

The Bunnymen took the stage in a

Legally Blonde The Musical, Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent

OMG! If you find yourself under a cloud of gloom, Legally Blonde The Musical is the antidote.

Never before has a musical been so proud to be pink and perky. It even brought glitz and glamour to the damp Potteries as the touring version of the current West End and Broadway hit show finally reached the Midlands.

With witty songs, a camp sense of humour, two cute dogs and one hunky beefcake, it's set to become a favourite girls' night out.

This feel good musical is about a blonde California cheerleader, Elle Woods, who is dumped by her boyfriend for not being serious enough and then hits the books to qualify to join him in starchy straight-laced Harvard law school.

The show has two key elements that has made it popular with a (mostly) female audience: a sense of humour and story about a woman being true to herself despite adversity caused by men.

Those are the same elements that made Wicked and Mama Mia such successes.

This version of the London blockbuster is lighter on scenery but has heavy-weight talent to call upon.

Faye Brookes, a 24-year-old in only her second major leading role, confi-

dently steps into the high heels formerly worn by Reese Witherspoon in the movie and Sheridan Smith in the West End.

She has a powerful voice and deserved the cheers at the end of the night for her all-singing all-dancing performance of more than two hours.

Her chorus of college girls were screechy to begin with but settled down. Fine support came from Iwan Lewis as the noble young lawyer Emmett Forrest and especially from David Willetts as the formidable but flawed Professor Callahan.

Another experienced West End star, Claire Sweeney, was very likeable in the role of Paulette, a hairdresser from a trailer park with a strange obsession about Ireland.

The songs are not familiar outside the show because they tend to be specific to the plot and display tongue-in-cheek humour unlikely to work out of context. However, Whipped Into Shape with its ranks of skippers, the bizarre Ireland and title song Legally Blonde are delivered in spectacular fashion.

The best testament to this show, directed and choreographed by Jerry Mitchell, are the smiles on the faces of the audience as they leave.

Legally Blonde continues at The Regent until October 4 and then moves to Birmingham for a run at the New Alexandra Theatre from October 4 to 15.

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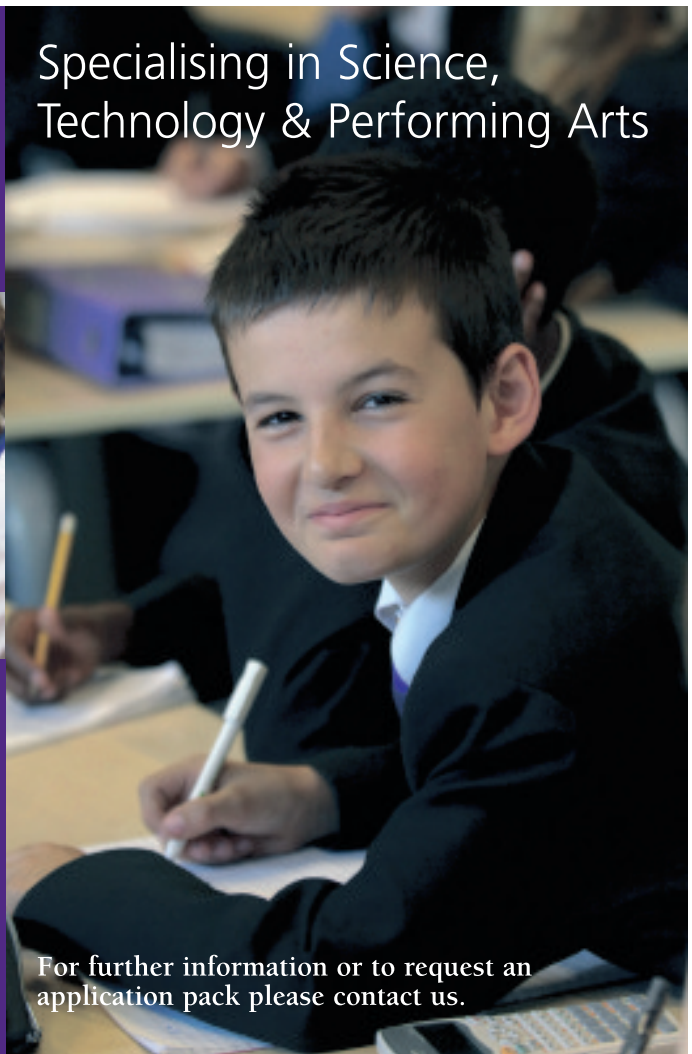


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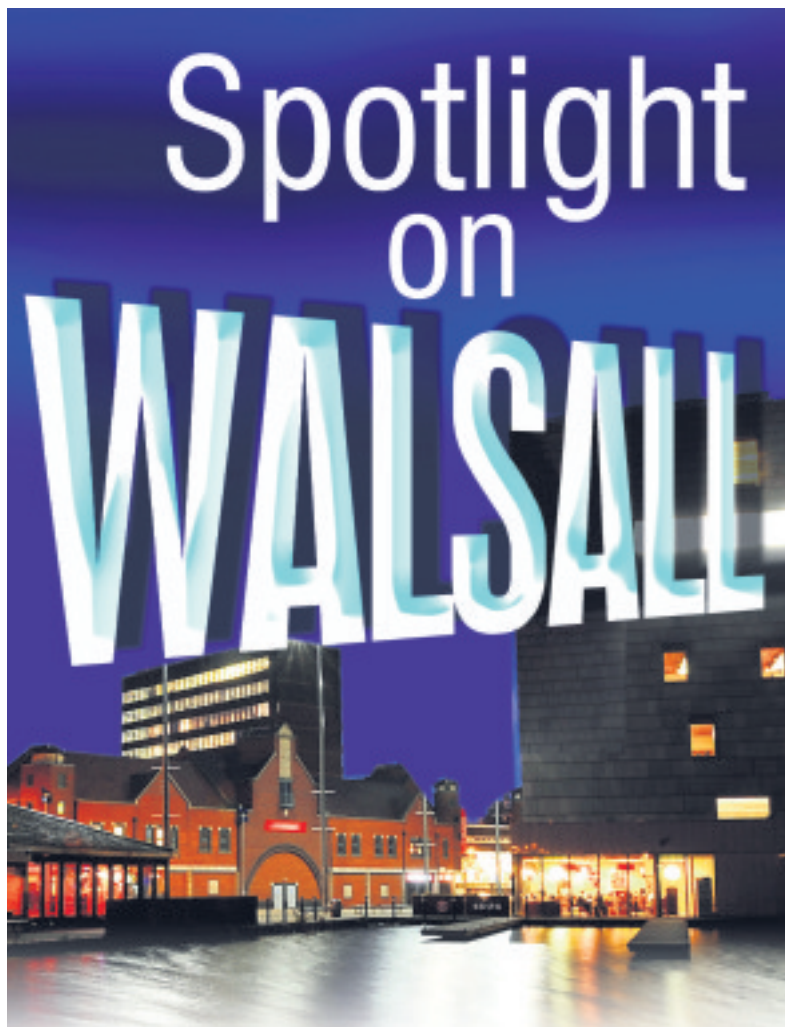
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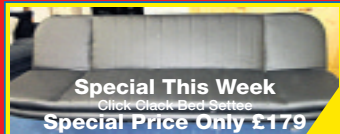
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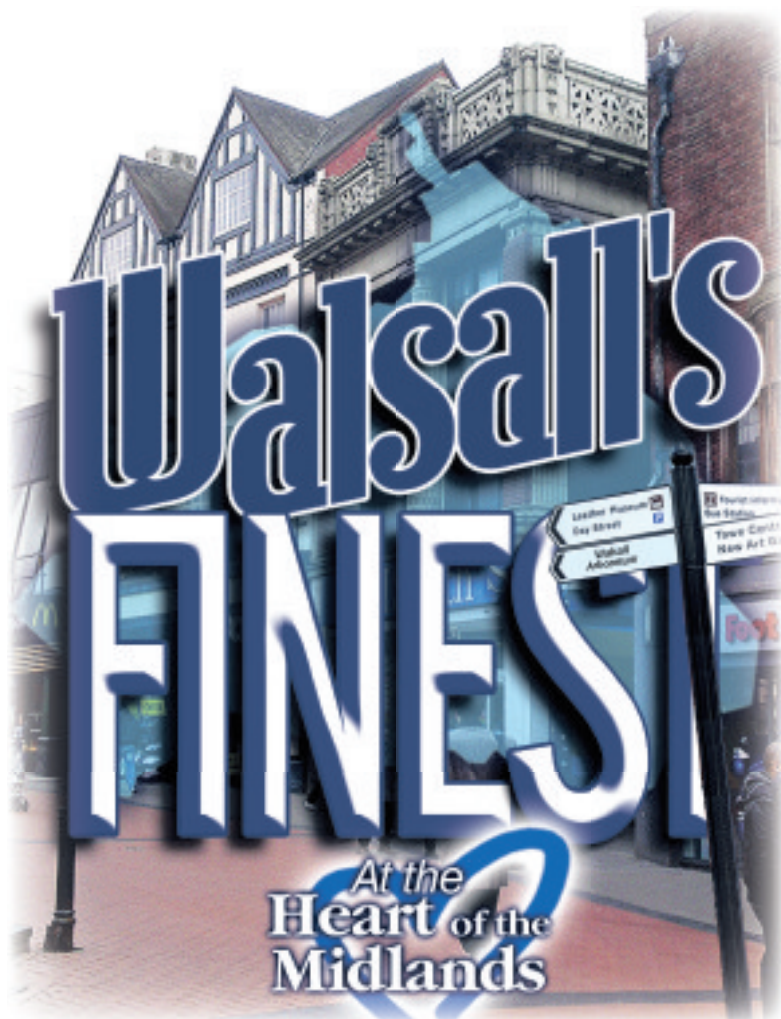
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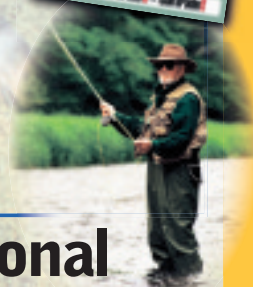
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Desirable area for traditional dormer home

OFFERS around £310,000 are being asked for this traditional dormer detached bungalow in the favoured location of Wightwick, Wolverhampton.

The property – 44 Torvale Road – also has the scope and potential for further development, subject to the usual planning permissions and building regulations approvals.

Substantially improved in recent years, the property provides spacious and comfortable living accommodation which is ideal as a family home or for older people.

Benefitting from gas fired radiator and uPVC double glazing, the home has a number of fine features including entrance hall, spacious living room, dining room/bedroom four, comprehensively fitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, master double bedroom with comprehensive range of furniture, two more double bedrooms and large roof void areas ideal for storage purposes.

Corner

Situated within the premier residential area of Wightwick the property stands well back from the road on a generous corner

plot and is approached via a lengthy tarmac driveway providing useful off-road parking for a number of vehicles and access to the double garage block. A particular feature of this highly versatile home is a delightful and mature 90ft rear garden which backs onto dense woodland, providing a pleasant outlook and backdrop to the rear.

It is conveniently situated for a comprehensive range of local amenities within a one mile radius, with Wolverhampton city centre within three miles.

For further details call Steven-ton land and estate agent on 01902 753131.



Situated in the premier residential area of Wightwick, the property stands back from the road on a corner plot

Well-presented semi-detached is available for around £128k

OFFERS in excess of £128,000 are being invited for a very well-presented semi-detached property in Parkview Crescent, Reedswood, Walsall.

The house benefits from a modern fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, and briefly comprises of entrance porch, lounge, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, detached garage and block paved driveway.

The lounge measures 14ft 8in by 13ft 8in and has a feature fireplace with open grate, stairs to the first floor accommodation and arch to the kitchen/diner.

The room features wall cupboards, a range of base units with worktops over, stainless steel sink and drainer, gas hob with extractor over, inte-

grated gas double tower oven, integrated fridge/freezer, integrated washing machine, understairs storage and double glazed patio door to the rear garden.

On the first floor bedroom one measures 13ft 10in by 8ft 6in and has built-in wardrobes, and there are two other bedrooms as well as a bathroom with WC, pedestal wash hand basin, panel bath with shower over and tiled splashbacks.

Garage

The rear garden has a paved patio area, tiered lawns with flower borders and fence boundaries, while the front garden is laid to lawn with a block paved driveway leading to the front door and garage at the rear.

For further details, or to arrange a viewing, contact Goodchilds on 01922 405699.



This property in Parkview Crescent is available through agent Goodchilds



The lounge has two wall lights and a feature fireplace with an open grate

No savings? no deposit? no problem

IN TODAY'S housing market, saving enough money for a deposit on a home is one of the most difficult challenges facing first-time buyers and second-time home movers.

To help these buyers, Connells estate agency in Oldbury has announced a new mortgage product allowing purchasers to borrow 100 per cent of the value of their chosen property.

This exciting launch of a new 100 per cent Family Guarantee mortgage allows first and second-time buyers to buy a home, subject to a guarantee from an immediate family member in the form of a secured collateral charge on their property.

Amount

The guarantee covers up to 25 per cent of the mortgage amount, enabling the buyer to purchase a home without the need for a large deposit.

"This is one of the first 100 per cent mortgage products since the credit crunch and it couldn't come a better time," says Natalie Goode, Mortgage Services Consultant for Connells in Oldbury.

"Saving for a deposit and getting a mortgage have been the most significant stumbling blocks for first-time buyers over the last few years so our new 100 per cent Family Guarantee product will help countless buyers get on the property ladder."

As well as helping first-time buyers, Connells new 100 per cent mortgage could enable second-time home movers who may need to upsize but lack the necessary capital to put a deposit on their next home.

"Dwindling house prices have caused some homeowners to become stuck without the means to make their next move," Natalie continues.

Lend

"This new 100 per cent mortgage will allow parents, stepparents and grandparents to help their children move home without the need to lend or gift them a large amount of money for a deposit."

"Instead, they can guarantee up to 25 per cent of the loan against their own property." If you are interested in Connells new 100 per cent mortgage product and would like to book an appointment with one of the company's mortgage consultants, call the branch on 0121 552 2671 or email: oldbury@connells.co.uk

New fleet gets the word on the street



Lee Morton, managing partner of Paul Dubberley estate agent

PAUL Dubberley estate agent has just launched its new fleet of eco-friendly Citroen C1 cars with eye catching company branding which is sure to get them noticed as they buzz around the regions streets.

The Citroen C1 cars are capable of over 70mpg and have a low CO2 Emissions rating of just 103 g/km.

Aims

Lee Morton, managing partner of Paul Dubberley estate agent said: "It is important for us that the cars not only look great but are also good for the environment."

"I'm delighted that we have managed to achieve both our aims."

Paul Dubberley estate agent has branches in West Bromwich, Wednesbury, Tipton, Willenhall and Bilston.



Steve Reade, Lee Smith and Steven Sutton in the eco cars

Agent raises £100,000

STRUTT & Parker has raised a staggering total of £105,514.98 for Wooden Spoon, which is a British and Irish Rugby Charity that helps support mentally and physically disadvantaged children.

On September 14, the Strutt & Parker partners presented a cheque to the charity together with renowned English rugby player Jason Leonard. The sum has been raised by all the offices across England and Scotland.

Andy Martin, senior partner at Strutt & Parker said: "This sum is something we are hugely proud of. We always strive to give back something significant and show our more personal side and we hope that this reflects our commitment to this inspiring charity and the wider community."

At the official launch of the support for the charity a year ago a tough challenge was set, the aim being to get the famous Wooden Spoon ball around each of the Strutt & Parker offices raising money on the way.

While the ball was at a particular office it was their responsibility to raise money in that period.

Starting in London the ball travelled around the country up to Scotland and then back down. Ideas have been hugely diverse from small one-man band cake sales to teams of entire offices competing in hill cycling challenges. It was all about creating inventive and unusual ways to raise the money and to keep the enthusiasm for the challenge.

Auction

Highlights have included a 24-hour event in Fulham that consisted of a throwing the Wooden Spoon ball between members of the London teams with no breaks that raised over £20,000. Other successful events have included a highland fling. The dinner/dance was held in January in a stunning 15th century barn where guests were welcomed to the sound of the piper from the City of Rochester Pipe band. There was a Scottish themed dinner followed by a charity auction when £6,000 was raised in just one night.

Most recently and perhaps most impressively a selection of 12 individuals set themselves a huge target – the Four Peaks Challenge. On Thursday, June 23, the three teams set out to climb 4,200 metres to the summit and back of four of the highest peaks in Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland in less than 48 hours. The fourth team member, the dependable driver rested while the others climbed, only to drive over 1,000 miles between the peaks letting the climbers recharge their batteries.

The stamina, strength and drive shown through as well as commitment to teamwork. It was a huge success raising well over £20,000.

Martin, concludes: "It is this type of challenge that has summed up why Strutt & Parker have adopted engaging with the Wooden Spoon as their chosen charity. We have thrived on coming up with new and creative ways of working together, team building and making fun out of something with an underlying real importance."

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Sanders, Wright & Freeman is handling the sale of this semi-detached in Southbourne Road, Fordhouses

Much extended and improved property

This outstanding three bedroom semi-detached home has undergone extension and improvement by the current owner to provide excellent family living accommodation.

The property – in Southbourne Road, Fordhouses – is situated in a popular location convenient for local shops, access into Wolverhampton and the M54 motorway.

It is beautifully presented throughout and comprises reception hall, through living/dining room, extended and re-fitted dining kitchen, ground floor shower room, three bedrooms and re-fitted bathroom.

The property is approached via a block paved driveway providing of road parking for a number of vehicles.

Inside, a reception hall sees a staircase to the first floor landing, and doors leading off to the through living/dining room measuring 24ft 9in by 10ft 10in, a living area with tilt and slide patio doors to the rear and a dining area.

The dining kitchen – 13ft 10in by 12ft 6in – has a tiled floor, part-tiled walls, fitted breakfast bar and a range of wall, drawer and base units with roll edge work surfaces above incorporating a stainless steel sink and drainer unit with mixer tap. There is a built-in oven and grill with extractor hood above, plumbing for a washing machine and dishwasher and space for a tumble dryer and fridge freezer. The ground floor shower room has

tiled walls and floor with contemporary white suite comprising coupled wc, pedestal wash basin and shower cubicle.

On the first floor the family bathroom has tiled walls and floor and contemporary white suite comprising WC, wash hand basin and panelled bath with mixer tap.

Outside, to the rear is an extremely well maintained and generous enclosed garden with patio and decked areas, timber shed and a shaped lawn with a variety of flower and shrub borders.

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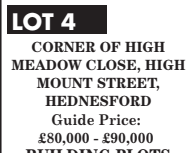
Three bedroom semi detached house in need of comprehensive renovation/refurbishment comprising side entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, toilet, store, utility room, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, part electric heating, predominantly double glazed, detached garage, garden.



LOT 3
Guide Price:
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Guide Price:
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440 BLOXWICH ROAD, LEAMORE, BLOXWICH
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LOT 6
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LOT 7
Guide Price:
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5 FOG COTTAGES, COLTON ROAD, RUGELEY
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LOT 8
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LOT 9
Guide Price:
£65,000 - £75,000

72 HAWTHORNE TERRACE, WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, ESSINGTON
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

Three bedroom/semi detached house in need of comprehensive refurbishment/renovation located in popular village comprising sitting room, lobby, living room, rear entrance lobby, kitchen, bathroom, landing, three bedrooms, garden to rear, possible garage space off road parking via vehicle right of way adjoining properties to rear.



LOT 10
Guide Price:
£70,000 - £80,000

12 CANNOCK ROAD, WEDNESFIELD
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

Three bedroom semi detached house in need of refurbishment/renovation comprising recessed porch, reception hall, sitting room, living room, kitchen, verandah, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, part double glazed, gas central heating, built-in garage, outside store, garden.

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LOT 12
Guide Price:
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178 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

Mid terraced house in need of comprehensive refurbishment/renovation comprising sitting room, lobby, living room, kitchen, landing, two bedrooms, bathroom, garden store, toilet, gardens uncultivated.



LOT 13
Guide Price:
£120,000 - £130,000

155 OGLEY ROAD, BROWNHILLS
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Offers in excess £199,950



Bloxwich Stoney Lane

- Traditional Three Bedroom Semi
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended to Rear
- Garage
- Extensive Mature Rear Garden
- Driveway Parking

In the Region of £179,950



Aldridge Old Hall Court

- Farmhouse courtyard location
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Electric security entry gate
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Master bedroom with En-suite shower room

Offers in excess of £165,000



Bloxwich Heritage Gate, Blakenall Road

- Four Bedroom Town House
- Guest Cloakroom
- Family Bathroom
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Driveway
- NO CHAIN

Asking Price of £159,995



Walsall Harness Close

- Three Bedroom Link-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Driveway
- NO CHAIN

In the Region of £144,950



Pelsall Windrush Close

- Three Storey Three Bed Town House
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Separate Garage
- Allocated parking
- Enclosed Rear Garden

In the Region of £141,500



Willenhall Pool Hayes Lane

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Rear Garden
- Garage
- Driveway

Offers in excess of £140,000



Walsall Parkview Crescent

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Diner
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Detached Garage
- Block Paved Driveway

Offers in excess of £128,000



Bloxwich Stoney Lane

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Detached Garage

In the Region of £124,950



Bloxwich Mulberry Road

- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Cloakroom W.C.
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

In the Region of £114,950



Willenhall Walkers Fold

- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Two Parking Spaces
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

In the Region of £104,950



Bloxwich Harrison Street

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Garden

In the Region £99,950



Bloxwich Archer Road

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- NO CHAIN

Offers in excess of £95,000



Bloxwich Hollands Road

- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Family Bathrooms
- Utility Room
- Loft Room
- Off Road Parking

Offers in excess of £85,000



Walsall Smith Road

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Majority Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Front garden with Off Road Parking

Offers in excess of £95,000



Bloxwich Heritage Gate, Blakenall Road

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
- Secure Communal Entrance
- Allocated Parking
- 10 Year NHBC Warranty

Asking Price of £84,995



Bloxwich Mulberry Place

- Three Bedroom Terrace
- Front Reception Room
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region of £79,950



Rushall Lichfield Road

- Two Bedroom Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Economy Seven Heating
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Communal Gardens

In the Region of £75,000



Bloxwich Blakenall Lane

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- NO CHAIN

In the Region of £75,000



Bloxwich Guild Court

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- NO CHAIN

In the Region of £75,000



Bloxwich Buxton Road

- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Electric Storage Heating
- Double Glazing
- Communal Grounds

In the Region of £63,950

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GLAMIS ROAD, SHORT HEATH

- Three Bedroomed Detached House
- Double Glazing and Central Heating
- Guest W.C.
- Lounge and Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen and Utility Room
- Conservatory
- Side Garage

OFFERS £169,950



LICHFIELD ROAD, NEW INVENTION

- Three Bedroomed Semi
- Central Heating & Double Glazing Throughout
- Front Lounge with Feature Fireplace
- Dining Kitchen
- Side Garage
- Internal Inspection Recommended

OFFERS £125,000



RUDGE CLOSE, WILLENHALL

- Three Bedrooms
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Deceptively Spacious Accommodation
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom and Separate W.C.
- Must be Viewed

OFFERS £107,500



HODSON AVENUE, WILLENHALL

- Semi-Detached Residence
- Three Bedrooms
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Two Reception Rooms
- Detached Garage
- Large Rear Garden

OFFERS £105,000



ROSEWOOD DRIVE, COPPICE FARM

- Two Bedroomed Semi Detached
- Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating
- Fitted Kitchen
- Fore and Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- No Chain

REDUCED TO OFFERS £99,950



LAWNSIDE GREEN, BILSTON

- Three Bedroomed Semi-Detached
- Guest Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Fore and Rear Gardens
- In need of some upgrading

REDUCED TO OFFERS £74,950

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- ★ Detached House
- ★ Four Bedrooms
- ★ Dining Room
- ★ Fitted Kitchen
- ★ Garage
- ★ GCH & DG

£695pcm



BIRMINGHAM ROAD, ALDRIDGE

- ★ Fully Refurbished
- ★ Semi Detached
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Kitchen With Appliances
- ★ Lounge & Gardens
- ★ GCH & DG

£595pcm



WALSALL ROAD, WILLENHALL

- ★ End Terrace House
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Lounge & Kitchen
- ★ Bathroom & En-suite
- ★ DG & GCH
- ★ Off road parking

£510pcm



BEECHWOOD AVENUE, WEDNESFIELD

- ★ Semi-Detached
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Kitchen/Dining Room
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Gardens
- ★ GCH
- ★ UPVC DG

£475pcm



GRAND JUNCTION WAY, TAMEBRIDGE

- ★ Two bedroom end townhouse
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen/Breakfast room
- ★ GCH/DG
- ★ Gardens & allocated parking
- ★ No DSS, No Children, No Pets, No Smokers

£450pcm



HASKELL STREET, WALSALL

- ★ Terrace House
- ★ One reception room
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Gas central heating

£425pcm



CAMPION CLOSE, WALSALL

- ★ Town House
- ★ Lounge/Kitchen
- ★ One Bedroom
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Parking & Rear Garden
- ★ GCH & UPVC DG

£385pcm



CHURCH STREET, DARLASTON

- ★ First Floor flat
- ★ One Bedroom
- ★ Hallway & Bathroom
- ★ Kitchen & Lounge
- ★ Gas Central Heating
- ★ UPVC DG

£350pcm



BRADFORD STREET, WALSALL

- ★ First Floor Apartment
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ One Bedroom
- ★ Shower Room
- ★ Storage Heaters

£335pcm

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Miss B, Three
Bedroom Semi or
Detached, does not
mind if Property
needs work,
**Up To
£160,000**



SHORT HEATH
BLOXWICH ROAD NORTH
* Considerably improved traditional style detached bungalow
* Two bedrooms
* En-suite bathroom
* Two reception rooms
WAS £210,000 NOW £199,995



WILLENHALL
HIGH ROAD
* Spacious modern style detached residence
* UPVC double glazed windows
* Lounge and separate dining room
* Four bedrooms
* En-suite shower room
* Gas central heating
* UPVC double glazed windows
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£197,000 OFFERS, VIEWING ESSENTIAL



SHORT HEATH
HUNTS LANE
* Specially appointed built-in detached residence
* Gas central heating
* UPVC double glazed windows
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WAS £249,950 NOW £239,950



WILLENHALL
FARMHOUSE ROAD, CORNER BENTLEY LANE
* Spacious modern style detached residence
* Pleasantly appointed accommodation
* Three bedrooms
* Master bedroom with en-suite shower room
* Lounge and dining room
* Fitted kitchen inc. oven and hob
* Garage and off road parking
* Gas central heating
* UPVC double glazed windows
£167,500



THE MANOR, WILLENHALL
THOMPSON CLOSE
* Spacious detached property in pleasant cul-de-sac location
* Three bedrooms, was originally four, could easily be converted back by a potential purchaser
* Majority UPVC double glazed
* Gas central heating system
* Two reception rooms
* Conservatory
* Garage and carport
£169,500



SNEYD PARK
DRUID PARK ROAD
* Pleasantly appointed and surprisingly spacious semi
* UPVC double glazed windows
* Spacious 17ft front lounge
* Ideal first time purchase
* Two double bedrooms
* Gas central heating
* UPVC double glazed windows
* UPVC double glazed windows
* UPVC double glazed windows
£125,000 OFFERS



WILLENHALL
CROXLEY GARDENS
* Extended modern style semi detached property
* Popular Healthy Health location
* Call-dear position
* Three bedrooms
* UPVC double glazed windows
* Lounge and dining kitchen
* Fitted breakfast kitchen with appliances
* Gas central heating
* UPVC double glazed windows
* UPVC double glazed windows
* UPVC double glazed windows
£125,000 OFFERS



SUMMER HAYES
BLENHIM ROAD
* Pleasant link detached bungalow in cul-de-sac location
* UPVC double glazed windows
* Kitchen and utility room
* Gas central heating
* UPVC double glazed windows
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£139,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL
PERTH ROAD, SUMMER HAYES ESTATE
* Pleasant link detached bungalow in cul-de-sac position
* Two bedrooms
* Gas central heating
* UPVC double glazed windows
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WAS £142,950 NOW £139,950 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL
DIBBLE CLOSE, OFF STROUD AVENUE
* Pleasantly appointed town house
* Three bedrooms
* UPVC double glazed windows
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£98,000 OFFERS



COPPICE FARM
TORRIDON ROAD
* Specially appointed modern style bungalow
* Beautifully presented accommodation throughout
* Two bedrooms, both with built-in wardrobes
* Gas central heating
* UPVC double glazed windows
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WAS £155,000 NOW £149,950



WILLENHALL
PRINCETHORPE ROAD
* Pleasantly appointed modern style semi detached property
* UPVC double glazed windows
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WAS £144,995 NOW £139,950



WILLENHALL
SHEPHERD DRIVE
* Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
* Two bedrooms
* Gas central heating
* UPVC double glazed windows
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£92,500 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL
TEMPLE ROAD
* Pleasantly appointed Victorian style terrace
* Two bedrooms
* Gas central heating
* UPVC double glazed windows
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£80,000 VIEWING ESSENTIAL



WILLENHALL
GEORGE STREET
* Three bedroom and town house
* UPVC double glazed windows
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£89,995 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



NEW INVENTION
LICHFIELD ROAD
* Conveniently located three bedroom semi
* Gas central heating
* UPVC double glazed windows
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£89,995 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL
FISHER STREET
* Pleasantly appointed and broad property
* Convenient location near to Willenhall Town Centre
* UPVC double glazed windows
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WAS £84,950 NOW £79,950 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL
MAGNESS CRESCENT
* Pleasantly appointed semi in popular location
* Gas central heating
* UPVC double glazed windows
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WAS £127,500 NOW £122,500



SHORT HEATH
WOODSIDE WAY, THE WOODLANDS
* Pleasant semi detached property
* Gas central heating
* UPVC double glazed windows
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£130,000



WILLENHALL
LINCOLN AVENUE
* Traditional style town house in popular location
* Two bedrooms
* Gas central heating
* UPVC double glazed windows
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£89,995 no chain



WILLENHALL
MAGNESS CRESCENT
* Specially appointed, considerably improved semi
* UPVC double glazed windows
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£145,000 OFFERS FREEHOLD



WILLENHALL
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD WEST
* Extended and improved traditional style semi
* Gas central heating
* UPVC double glazed windows
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£144,950 OFFERS



WILLENHALL
DOVEDALE AVENUE
* Traditional style semi detached property
* In need of some modernisation
* Excellent potential to improve
* Three bedrooms
* Two reception rooms
* Gas central heating
* UPVC double glazed windows
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* UPVC double glazed windows
£110,000



WILLENHALL
FURZEBANK WAY, OFF STROUD AVENUE
* Pleasant semi detached property in corner plot location
* UPVC double glazed windows
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£124,995 NO CHAIN

PROPERTIES TO LET

BLOXWICH
ASTBURY CLOSE, TURNBERRY ESTATE
* Smart modern town house in popular territory
* Two bedrooms
* Gas central heating
* UPVC double glazed windows
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WAS £550 NOW £525 PCM



ESSINGTON
SNEYD LANE
* Superb Extended Semi Detached
* Two bedrooms
* Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
* Extended Kitchen with Appliances
* Bathroom with Corner Bath and Separate Shower
* Two Reception Rooms
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£240,000 NEW

Extended four bedroom detached home situated on the sought after Coppice Farm development. Lounge, dining room, conservatory, utility room, shower room, family bathroom and garage. Viewing essential

Hebden Grove, Willenhall



£240,000 NEW

Five bedroom detached on the Coppice Farm development. Having been extensively improved by the present owners including newly fitted kitchen. Benefiting from side extension adding further reception space and a fifth bedroom.

Ambleside Grove, Willenhall



£130,000

Two bedroom semi-detached bungalow on Coppice Farm development. Benefiting from cul-de-sac location. Only suitable for over 55's. Offered with no chain on 75% shared ownership basis.

Gurnard Close, Willenhall



£130,000 REDUCED

Improved and extended two bedroom semi-detached on Coppice Farm. Lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory and bathroom. Central heating and double glazing. Viewing essential

WOLVERHAMPTON



**MORE
VIEWINGS....**

Burleigh Close, Willenhall



£140,000 REDUCED

A three bedroom semi-detached home situated on a popular cul-de-sac on the Summer Hayes development in Short Heath. Would make a good family home. Viewing is recommended.

Watkins Road, Willenhall



£156,500 NEW

Stunningly presented extended three bedroom semi-detached home in sought after location of Short Heath, Willenhall. Having been extensively improved and extended. Viewing essential.

Milcote Drive, Willenhall



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A four bedroom detached home situated on a cul-de-sac comprising lounge, extended family room/kitchen, bathroom, garage and gardens.

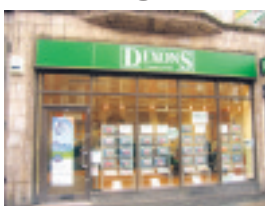
Nightingale Crescent, Willenhall



£200,000 NEW

Four bedroom two bathroom detached home situated on the popular Coppice Farm development. Having been extensively improved by the current owners. No chain. Viewing essential

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**MORE
SALES....**

Knightsbridge Lane, Willenhall



£200,000 NEW

Three bedroom detached situated on exceptional corner plot backing onto Canal. Offering a spacious workshop to the side, separate dining room and sun room. Viewing recommended.

Pinson Road, Willenhall



£80,000

Three bedroom terraced in good order with recently refitted kitchen. Offering off road parking and benefitting from location with easy access to Willenhall Town Centre. Viewing recommended

Neachells Court, Willenhall Road



£65,000

A two bedroom first floor maisonette. Situated in a cul-de-sac location with communal gardens and parking. Offered for sale with no chain.

Victoria Street, Willenhall



£67,500 NEW

Three bedroom terraced home with refitted kitchen and bathroom. Presented in reasonable order internally and offering two reception rooms downstairs. Offered to the market with no upward chain.

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**MORE
CHANCE....**

Willenhall Street, Wednesbury



£72,500 NEW

Three bedroom terraced presented in good order and offering exceptional open plan lounge/diner. This home is offered with no chain and situated in popular area of Wednesbury

Memorial Close, Willenhall



£160,000

Three bedroom detached in a cul-de-sac presented in immaculate order and also benefitting from a garage. Viewing is highly recommended. Call us today to arrange an appointment.

Uplands Avenue, Willenhall



£160,000 NEW

Two bedroom, two bathroom detached bungalow situated in cul-de-sac. Complete refurbishment programme to high standard including fully landscaped gardens and stunning master bedroom suite with dressing area and en-suite.

58 Victoria Street, Willenhall WV13 1DR,



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Victoria Street Willenhall



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Hopyard Road Walsall



A 3 bedroom semi detached having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. The property briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden and driveway. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£110,000**

Lilac Grove Walsall



A spacious 3 bedroom and townhouse benefiting from upvc double glazing and part central heating and offering no upward chain. Further comprising hall, guest wc, lounge, fitted kitchen diner, conservatory, bathroom, front and rear gardens and residents parking area. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£69,950**

Marden Close Willenhall



Extended and well presented 4 bedroom detached house in quiet cul-de-sac on sought after Hadley Heath estate. The accommodation benefits from gas central heating and upvc double glazing and further comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, fitted kitchen diner, utility, three bedrooms, integral garage, front drive and rear garden. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£164,995**

Kingfisher Grove Willenhall



4 BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE ON POPULAR COPPICE FARM ESTATE, NO UPWARD CHAIN, GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING, hall, guest wc, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, re-fitted bathroom and en-suite to master bedroom, garage, front drive, rear garden. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£199,950**

Victoria Street Willenhall **REDUCED**



Deceptively spacious 3 bedroom terrace house benefiting from gas central heating & containing a wealth of period features. Briefly comprising hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom, rear yard & garden. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£92,000**

Temple Road Willenhall



IDEAL INVESTMENT OR 1ST PURCHASE 2 bedroom first floor flat benefiting from upvc double glazing & gas central heating (where specified) and offering no upward chain. Further comprising entrance hall, stairs, landing, lounge, kitchen & bathroom. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£52,500**

Uplands Avenue Willenhall



3 BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW, benefiting central heating, partial double glazing & no upward chain. Further comprising entrance porch, hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, verandah, garage, garden. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£125,000**

Porch Road Walsall



IDEAL STARTER HOME MUST BE VIEWED A modern two bedroom semi-detached home having the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating. This well presented property briefly comprises, reception hall, fitted kitchen, lounge, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens and off road parking. The vendor is asking £250 towards the eventual purchase price (all costs subject to S.C.). OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£89,995**

Victoria Street Willenhall



Deceptively spacious 2 bedroom mid terrace house benefiting from gas central heating and double glazing and offering no upward chain. Further comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom and rear yard and garden. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£85,000**

Chaucer Avenue Willenhall



Deceptively spacious modern semi-detached, 3 good bedrooms, central heating, double glazing, reception hall, guest wc, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen with integral appliances, family bathroom, garage & 3 car drive & rear garden with decked patio. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£124,950**

Princethorpe Road Willenhall



Modern detached house, 3 bedrooms, master with en-suite & fitted wardrobes, central heating, double glazing, 15ft conservatory, 18ft lounge, fitted kitchen, hall, guest wc, family bathroom, integral garage, front drive & rear garden. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£169,950**

Bloxwich Road South Willenhall



Luxury 2 bedroom spacious town house having the benefit of UPVC double and triple glazing, gas central heating and fitted kitchen. These superb larger than average properties briefly comprise, reception hallway, good size lounge, fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, two bedrooms (master with ensuite shower room to master), family bathroom and allocated parking spaces. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£75,000**

Magness Crescent Willenhall



Well presented, extended 4 bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. It is sought after location for property briefly comprises, re-fitted kitchen, utility area, spacious, shaped lounge, ground floor rear exterior bedroom (3 bedrooms on 1st floor, re-fitted family bathroom with shower, garage, off road parking and rear garden. No upward chain. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£129,995**

Chetwynd Close Walsall



3 Bedroom Semi • Central Heating • Double Glazing • Re-Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Appliances • Lounge with Feature Fireplace • Fitted Bathroom • Garage & Side Drive • Front & Rear Gardens OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£125,000**

Sneyd Lane Essington



WELL PRESENTED 3 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE IN SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION WITH SOUTH FACING WARDEN GARDEN, central heating, double glazing, 18ft 11" deep lounge, 18ft fitted kitchen, extended dining room, 2nd master bedroom with fitted wardrobes, 2 further bedrooms, fitted bathroom, downstairs wc, entrance porch & hall & 5 car drive to garage. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£234,950**

Delamere Road Willenhall



Well presented 3 bedroom semi-detached house benefiting from gas central heating and upvc double glazing and offering no upward chain. Further comprising entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, fitted bathroom, garage, front and side drive for 5 cars and rear garden. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£139,950**

Bloxwich Road South West Midlands



Deceptively spacious & immaculately presented ground floor flat, service charge only £50pa, gas central heating, upvc double glazing & no upward chain. Entrance hall, 16ft lounge, 2 double bedrooms, re-fitted kitchen & bathroom, private rear garden & garage. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£75,000**

Evans Street Willenhall



Well presented 3 bedroom mid terrace in cul-de-sac benefiting from gas central heating & upvc double glazing, further comprising entrance hall, guest wc, lounge, dining room, re-fitted kitchen, fitted bathroom, front drive, 3 car drive, rear garden. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£99,995**

Pentland Gardens Wolverhampton



Substantial 3 bedroom detached house, extended & much improved, gas central heating, double glazing, 18ft hall with parquet floor, 20ft lounge, dining room, family room, 18ft fitted kitchen with integral appliances, utility room, guest wc, gallery landing, luxury bathroom with jacuzzi bath & large multi-paned shower, 20ft master bedroom with double bed, en-suite, integral garage, front and rear gardens. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£349,950**

Fenners Close Wolverhampton



WOLVERHAMPTON • 3 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE • 18ft hall with parquet floor • 20ft lounge, dining room, family room, 18ft fitted kitchen with integral appliances, utility room, guest wc, gallery landing, luxury bathroom with jacuzzi bath & large multi-paned shower, 20ft master bedroom with double bed, en-suite, integral garage, front and rear gardens. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£169,995**

Evans Street Willenhall



A three bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of no upward chain, gas central heating and UPVC double glazing. The property briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, re-fitted family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens and off road parking to front. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£94,950**

Myrtle Street Wolverhampton



Much improved and well presented three bedroom semi detached house. Having the benefit of gas central heating and double glazing, accommodation comprises side entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, side lobby, three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens front and rear, detached garage, NO UPWARD CHAIN. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£95,000**

Pooles Lane Willenhall



3 bedroom semi-detached benefiting from upvc double glazing (where specified) and offering no upward chain. Further comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, verandah, downstairs bathroom, upstairs toilet, front and rear gardens, drive and garage. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£99,950**

Shoreham Close Willenhall



EXTENDED & well presented 5 BEDROOM DETACHED house, central heating, upvc double glazing, 18ft lounge, 15ft fitted breakfast kitchen, sun lounge, study, laundry, 2 bathrooms, integral garage, large drive, rear garden. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£180,000**

Hilton Road Willenhall



3 bedroom terrace house benefiting from upvc double glazing and part gas central heating and offering no upward chain. Further comprising entrance hall, guest wc, lounge, fitted kitchen diner with integrated appliances, fitted bathroom, front and rear gardens. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£70,000**

Dillways Lane Willenhall



Three bedroom semi with gas central heating & double glazing. Convenient for Bliton & Willenhall, accommodation comprises porch, reception hall, through lounge/dining room, kitchen, rear porch, 3 beds, bathroom/wc, front & rear gardens, single garage. OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£97,500**

Willenhall Street Wednesbury **NEW**



• Refurbished 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
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 • Lounge
 OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£84,995**

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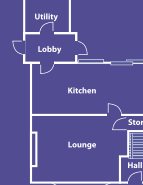
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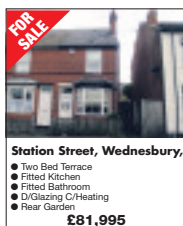
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**Delamere Drive
Walsall**

- A well presented end terrace house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Front lounge, rear dining kitchen, conservatory
- Three bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Allocated parking and gardens
- All serious offers considered

Offers In The Region Of £117,950



**Edinburgh Road
Rushall**

- A conveniently situated modern family home
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Through lounge/dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen, utility
- Three well proportioned bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Good sized garage with ample off road parking
- Well maintained fore and rear gardens
- Serious offers considered

Offers In The Region Of £159,950



**Millfield Avenue
Lower Farm**

- A much improved and refurbished mid terrace house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Spacious breakfast room/ kitchen, lounge, guests cloaks/WC, utility
- Three well proportioned bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Parking at rear
- Viewing Essential

Offers In The Region Of £89,950



**Ashley Road
Bloxwich**

- An immaculately presented semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Spacious rear lounge, large breakfast room/kitchen
- Three bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Block paved driveway and long lawned rear garden
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

Offers In The Region Of £119,950



**SPIRES CROFT
SHARNHALL**

- An immaculately presented and spacious proportioned home
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Magnificent through lounge leading into conservatory
- Separate dining room, re-fitted 'light oak' breakfast kitchen
- Utility room, study room, guests cloaks/WC, gallery landing
- Four bedrooms, master having en-suite bathroom/WC
- Double width side by side garage, landscaped gardens

Offers In The Region Of £325,000



**Ashbourne Road
Bloxwich**

- A well presented and much improved end town house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Re-fitted kitchen, rear lounge/dining area, conservatory
- Three bedrooms and bathroom/WC
- Ample off road parking, neatly laid rear garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

Offers In The Region Of £94,950



**Hawbush Road
Walsall**

- A much improved and well presented semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation
- Front lounge, large rear dining kitchen, utility/WC
- Three bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Ample parking and good sized rear garden with large store
- Viewing Essential

Offers In The Region Of £104,950



**Thompson Street
Willenhall**

- A superbly spacious Victorian detached house
- Offering gas central heating and PVCu double glazing
- Three large reception rooms, breakfast kitchen
- Four bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Carport and tandem length garage
- Viewing Essential

Offers In The Region Of £239,950



**Sneyd Lane
Bloxwich**

- A much improved and refurbished, traditionally styled detached house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation
- Two good sized reception rooms, fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms, and spacious family bathroom/WC
- Loft room, single garage, block paved parking
- Good sized lawned rear garden

Offers In The Region Of £164,950



**Reedley Road
Sneyd Park, Willenhall**

- An extended and much improved modern semi detached house
- Occupying a quiet yet convenient location on this ever popular estate
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation
- Front lounge, rear dining kitchen (re-fitted), extended family room
- Three bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom/WC
- Carport, detached garage, enclosed rear garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Must View

Offers In The Region Of £145,000



**Birchover Road
Reedswood**

- A well maintained and much improved semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated and PVCu double glazed
- Spacious front lounge, rear dining room
- Extended breakfast kitchen and utility area, guests cloaks/WC
- Three good sized bedrooms, re-fitted shower room/WC
- Single car garage, large block paved driveway
- Enclosed easy maintenance gardens

Offers In The Region Of £134,950



**Gorey Close
Coppice Farm, Willenhall**

- An attractively situated semi-detached house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation
- Lounge, extended dining room, fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms, family bathroom/WC
- Single car garage, driveway
- Easily maintained gardens
- Open aspect to the front
- Viewing Essential

Offers In The Region Of £138,950



**Rowan Road
Walsall**

- A large and spacious proportioned semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Through lounge/dining room, kitchen and utility room
- Three good sized bedrooms, shower room/WC, separate WC
- Single car garage and good sized lawned gardens
- Viewing Essential

Offers In The Region Of £179,995



**Jacobs Hall Lane
Great Wyrley**

- A stunningly spacious & immaculately presented detached house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Three spacious reception rooms, expensively fitted kitchen, utility
- Five bedrooms, two with en-suite shower rooms
- Two car side by side garage
- Large block paved driveway, landscaped gardens

Offers In The Region Of £399,995



**Sneyd Lane
Bloxwich**

- A traditionally styled Edwardian semi detached house
- Gas central heating and PVCu double glazing
- Front lounge, rear dining room, fitted kitchen, utility area
- Re-fitted bathroom/shower/WC, Three bedrooms, en-suite/WC
- Off road driveway parking and large garden at rear
- Motivated Seller

Offers In The Region Of £129,950



**Borneo Street
The Butts, Walsall**

- A substantially built Victorian End Town House
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Two large reception rooms, breakfast kitchen
- Large bathroom/WC, walk in shower
- Three well proportioned bedrooms

Offers In The Region Of £139,950



**Elms Lane
Sharnhall**

- Beautifully Presented Detached Bungalow
- Situated in Picturesque commuter village
- Charming Lounge, Sep, Dining Room
- 2 Well Proportioned Bedrooms,
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen, Conservatory
- Main Bathroom/WC, Additional Shower Room
- 2 Spacious Loft Rooms, Single car Garage
- Landscaped and Mature Gardens

Offers In The Region Of £249,950



**Andrew Drive
Willenhall**

- A much improved and re-fitted semi detached bungalow
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Spacious lounge, re-fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Detached garage

Offers In The Region Of £119,950



**Margam Crescent
Bloxwich**

- A most immaculately presented mid terrace house
- PVCu double glazed and electrically heated
- Front lounge, rear dining room, fitted kitchen, utility
- Three well proportioned bedrooms, bathroom and separate WC
- Block paved driveway and enclosed rear garden
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

Offers In The Region Of £89,995



**Bridge Road
Sheffield**

- A deceptively spacious family sized mid terrace house
- Gas centrally heated and PVCu double glazed
- Through lounge, dining kitchen, utility room
- Three well proportioned bedrooms, bathroom separate WC
- Off Road Parking, enclosed rear garden
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

Offers In The Region Of £119,950



**Lichfield Road
Bloxwich**

- Immaculately Presented Edwardian Detached Home
- Has the benefit of a substantial side by side two car garage
- Planning permission Granted in connection with granny annex
- Breakfast Room, Farmhouse Kitchen, Sun Lounge, Playroom
- 3 first floor bedrooms/attic bedroom 4
- 'Nostalgia' bathroom/WC and separate shower room/WC
- Private gardens, Rear vehicular access

Offers In The Region Of £265,000



**Revival Street
Bloxwich**

- A spacious Victorian end town house
- Spacious open plan lounge/dining room
- Good sized kitchen, two well proportioned bedrooms
- First Floor Bathroom/WC
- Enclosed rear garden

Offers In The Region Of £89,950



**Franchise Street, Kings Hill
Wednesbury**

- A Traditional Victorian End Of Terrace Villa
- Close To All Amenities
- 2 Large Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Lobby & Bathroom/WC
- 3 Good Sized Bedrooms & re-laid Rear Garden

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**Kestrel Way
Cheslyn Hay**

- Extended & Improved Modern Semi Detached
- Located on Popular Residential Development
- Gas Central Heating & uPVC double glazing
- Front Lounge, Sep Dining Area
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom/WC, Single Car Garage
- Block Paved Driveway, Enclosed Rear Garden

Offers In The Region Of £154,950



**Loom Close
Great Wyrley**

- A beautifully presented 3 storey end town house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Fitted kitchen, rear lounge/dining room
- Three well proportioned bedrooms, master with en-suite/WC
- Single car garage, ample driveway parking
- Good sized rear garden

Offers In The Region Of £159,950

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Small price to pay for the wind in your hair

By Ian Donaldson

CHOP THE roof off a car and it will probably wobble on rough roads: add a fabric top and it will let in more noise than keeping the tin-top in place, writes Ian Donaldson.

That's simple physics; the trick is to minimise both intruders while giving the punter something stylish for his (and, vitally, her) money. And that's another drop-top factor to consider. They all

cost more than the hatches they're based on, so will only win over buyers who fall in love with the prospect of a bit of a pose in a less practical car.

Now, after a nine-year break, comes the Golf Cabriolet and, on a first drive on some fine Leicestershire roads in glorious early

autumn sunshine it wasn't hard to make a case for spending the extra.

My test car, picked at random from a tempting line taking in the entire launch range, was the most expensive Golf Cabriolet you can buy, at the moment.

It costs a not inconsiderable £26,595, £3,495 more than the equivalent Golf hatch and tops a range starting at £20,720. Three engines are immediately available (two petrol, one diesel) with three more later in the year.

The theme of threes continues in the number of trim levels (S, SE and GT).

Volume

All of them feature 16-inch alloy wheels, DAB radio and Bluetooth, and a powered roof that whirrs up and down in about the time it takes Usain Bolt to run 100 metres and will perform either action at up to about 18mph – looking ultra cool in the process.

Finding somewhere to stow the top when you want wind in your hair means there's less room in the rear seats than a Golf hatch and the boot is down in volume too.

However, unlike convertibles with bulky metal folding roofs (like the bigger, dearer VW Eos), there's the same space available whatever the posi-

tion of the top, although reaching into the furthest recesses is a bit like trying to retrieve a parcel posted through a letter box.

But enough of these practicalities, you buy a cabrio as much with your heart as your head, even if the VW badges allows you to pretend you've been a bit sensible too.

Try the cabrio first with roof in place and on a patched British main road and you'll feel the car shimmying slightly as it mourns the loss of stiffness in the cut-about body, while you notice a bit more wind noise than the hatch will provoke.

Let the roof down, however, and let the sun shine in and you'll forgive the car its minor downsides and enjoy the smell of the fields, the twitter of birds in the roadside bushes and the feeling of one-ness with nature that

only a convertible can give.

And it doesn't matter if you stray on to the A14, where the standard fit air deflector behind the front seats means there's only a gentle breeze in the cockpit with the speedo showing a typical A14 cruising speed (go on, you guess).

With 160 horsepower from its turbo charged petrol engine and VW's delightful DSG automatic gearbox giving your left leg a rest, this top of the pile cabrio is both swift when provoked and a doddle to drive in congested town traffic.

Never mind that the dash is standard Golf hatch fare.

That means it's sensible, easily mastered and just a touch lacking in flair but promises an uncomplicated relationship with a car that so easily puts a smile on your face.



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A dark brown Toyota Aygo is shown from a front-three-quarter view, driving on a paved road that stretches into the distance. The car is positioned on the left side of the road. The background features rolling sand dunes under a clear, bright sky, suggesting a desert or coastal environment. The car's license plate reads 'H4 VXL'.

VAUXHALL has started a people-moving price war with its main rival Ford

The entry-level version of the new Vauxhall Zafira Tourer will undercut the price of its main rival, the Ford S-Max, by £1,200.

Despite the cost-cutting, the 138bhp Zafira Tourer ES 1.8 will come equipped with an excellent range of kit as standard, including air conditioning, DAB radio, cruise control, MP3 connections, six airbags, a seven-speaker sound system, active headrests and the handy Flex7 seating found in the smaller

Zafira. Longer, wider and more expensive than the Zafira, the Zafira Tourer is designed to be Vauxhall's premier people-mover, with higher levels of luxury, space and equipment.

It uses key components from the Insignia, which seem to include the basic chassis layout.

Safety

The Insignia's platform is a large one, so it's no surprise that the Zafira Tourer is described by Vauxhall as "overwhelmingly airy" inside.

On the outside, it's 19cm longer than a standard Zafira.

being placed on safety in the Tourer, with a plethora of driver-assist systems making a first appearance in the new model.

Traffic sign recognition, side blind spot alert and advance park assist – which helps drivers find an adequate parking space and guides them in to it – are among the potential highlights, but they are likely to be extra options.

There will be 1.8-litre and turbocharged 1.4-litre petrol engines, alongside a 2.0-litre diesel engine with three different power outputs.

One of the diesels is an EcoFlex version that emits 119g/km of CO₂, reducing running costs.



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In the freezing conditions of the Tamworth Snowdome, Peugeot's 3008 Crossover shows its mettle

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PEUGEOT'S 3008 Crossover with Grip Control is the first two wheel drive car to scale the one-in-three steep ski slope at the Snowdome in Tamworth, the UK's original indoor snow-covered ski slope.

While the Snowdome has been scaled by four wheeled drive cars shod with tyres specifically designed for snow, the standard 3008's success was down to the advanced technology available in the multi-award winning car.

As British winters get harsher, motorists need to know their vehicle will keep them safe in snowy conditions. The 3008 Crossover with Peugeot's innovative Grip Control system could solve the car conundrum, especially for those wanting to stay on the move without the financial and environmental costs of a traditional 4x4.

Standard on the 3008 SR Crossover and as a £470 option on the 3008 Sport and Exclusive HDI 112 and HDI 150 models, Grip Control is an intelligent traction control system, automatically improving the vehicle's grip on difficult surfaces such as snow, mud, dirt tracks and wet grass, making it a car for all conditions without the disadvantages of increased weight and emissions.

The system works with the vehicle's Electronic Stability Programme to maintain the best possible traction from the

front wheels. It has five operating modes which the driver can select from a control mounted on the centre console. Grip Control is helped by the standard fitment of 215/60 R16 Michelin Latitude Tour HP "Mud & Snow" tyres, which are suitable for off-road use. These tyres have special "StabilGrip" blades within the tread pattern that lock together to maintain contact with the given terrain.

James Smith, operations manager at the Snowdome drove the 3008 up the slope.

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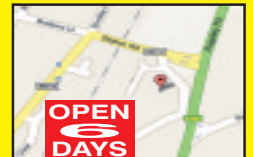
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The car world's catwalk

IT'S not big, it's vast – the Frankfurt motor is a once every two years chance for Germany's car makers to show off.

And boy, do they flex their corporate muscle. Take Volkswagen; for days before the show opened around 1,000 people had been building the company's stand. Shaped like a cloud and big enough to display 50 vehicles, it is lit by 2,100 lamps and needs 50 miles of cable to connect them.

Not enough for Audi, though, which built a temporary show hall, big enough for its latest cars to roar round on a banked indoor track and rumoured to cost 10 million euros.

So it's good to see, if you're rooting for the UK (which hasn't had a proper motor show for years) that not all the show stoppers were designed on computers in a German car plant. One came from Coventry, in the shape of the Jaguar C-X16 prototype.

Another came from the other branch of what we'll get used to calling JLR – for Jaguar Land Rover. For one of Frankfurt's genuine surprises was a glimpse into the future (well, 2015) when Land Rover is due to introduce a new version of the seemingly immortal Defender.

Supercharged

But the Jag first. Pretty enough to take your breath, this is the car that's going to morph into the E-Type for the 21st century. The shortest Jaguar since the 1954 XK 120, it's powered by a supercharged V6 petrol engine and boosted by an on-demand electric motor for a top speed of 186mph.

It's expected to cost from around £50,000 when sales start in 18 months time, by which time an obvious competitor will have already become a modestly common sight.

That car – the new Porsche 911 – is another Frankfurt star. Only the third all-new 911 (it made its debut at Frankfurt in 1963) the new model continues the looks of old (mad not to) but is bigger and, with a new 3.4 litre, 350 horsepower engine for the entry level, faster and more economical.

Put German (Porsche) engineering and British design together and you have the new Hamera, from a London-based company – Eterniti Motors.

Called the world's first "super SUV", the car is based on a Porsche Cayenne with blinged-up bodywork. It won't be cheap (from around £150,000); features include twin electric rear seats, iPads and a drinks chiller. Production is promised for 2012.

One show car not scheduled for production is the Kia GT, although its vaguely Aston Martin-like lines and sheer in-your-face style signify a company oozing confidence. More sensible, but with style to spare, is the Kia Optima.

It's the size of a BMW 5 Series and could shake up the executive car market when it arrives on our



West Midlands know-how produced the Jaguar C-X16 prototype at Coventry

shores next year. And back to Land Rover, which showed a closed and open version of its new Defender thinking.

The first we'd seen already, the topless version of the DC100 was as unexpected as it was startlingly effective, with cut-down windscreen and a sonar system like a submarine's to tell you how deep is the river you're about to ford. It will doubtless be toned down before we can buy one, but let's hope not by too much.

Frankfurt is Europe's biggest car show and probably the most important and yes, there were plenty of daft looking designs you know will never see the light of a production line. More interesting were the rash of new cars you WILL be able to see at the local showroom soon.

Mercedes B-Class: Due here in March, it's lower than today's car yet roomier inside, one of the most aerodynamic shapes in the world and comes with a new range of engines promising much better economy.

The seats are nearer the ground than the old car (easier to get in and out of, says Mercedes), while every car will have a radar based anti-collision system that warns of a potential shunt ahead.

Honda Civic: A smoothed-off version of the mould-breaking current and Swindon-built car, the new Civic is going to major on an improved ride and better handling.

It will go on sale at the start of next year with 1.4 and 1.8-litre petrol engines and a 2.2-litre diesel. Prices will start around £16,000. The 2.2-litre

diesel will bring emissions down to 110g/km, and a 1.6-litre diesel will be added later.

Volkswagen Up: Well, it's the up! And it's a big car hiding in a small car's bodyshell.

The up! is a front-wheel-drive city car powered by a new generation of 1.0-litre three-cylinder petrol engines with emissions below 100g/km and fuel consumption of more than 60mpg with stop-start.

It will go on sale in the UK next March from around £8,000. Its new underbody structures and engines have been developed so they can be expanded for the next-generation VW Polo, and there will be Seat and Skoda versions.

Concept

Skoda: The gap between the little Fabia and much bigger Octavia will be plugged when the Mission L arrives here next year, after going on sale in India first, later in 2011.

It will look a lot like the Frankfurt "concept car" which enhances Skoda's reputation for simply styled, unshowy cars that deliver the goods at sensible prices.

Mazda: The company's new CX-5 is an SUV with a mission: to premiere Mazda's Skyactiv technology which signifies a thorough look at the way a conventional petrol engine works, to the extent that one model of CX-5 will hit 63mpg in the official tests, despite being a biggy and quite heavy car. A 2.2 diesel version is expected to be the biggest seller. Prices should start around £23,000.

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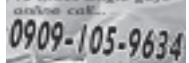
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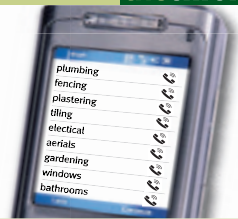
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Club dream fulfilled as £1m base opens doors

THE MIDLANDS' biggest amateur football club has fulfilled a decade-long dream after work was completed on its new £1m clubhouse on the outskirts of Walsall.

Wyrley Juniors will celebrate with an open day this weekend. The building in Long Lane, Essington, has four changing rooms, two referees' changing rooms, a kitchen, medical room and a function room. It will be home to the club's 45 teams and 700 players.

The clubhouse will also act as a village hall for the wider community.

Bosses spent 10 years identifying land, agreeing a lease, obtaining two planning permissions and raising £1.15m. More than £30,000 was spent on planning applications and surveys before a brick was laid.

Available

The open day on Saturday, October 1, will feature guided tours of the new facility and a 10-hour sponsored football match involving all the club's teams.

Wyrley Juniors' chairman Keith

Hardy said: "Our vision has at last come to fruition. The open day will be our opportunity to showcase the efforts of hundreds of volunteers who have given time, sweat and money in getting Wyrley Juniors Football Club its own base."

The building project, which began in January, received £683,840 from the Football Foundation, and a grant of £245,000 from the Football Association.

The rest of the cash – more than £200,000 – was raised by the club itself over a decade of fundraising events. A

walk to the top of Snowdon earlier this year by a group of 40 players, managers, parents and friends raised more than £7,000 towards the total.

Last month Wyrley Juniors was announced as the FA's community club of the year, with former Liverpool legend Ian Rush presenting Keith Hardy with the award at Wembley.

The club comprises four men's teams, a women's team, 29 boys' teams and 11 girls' teams and also runs academies for boys and girls aged four to six.

Entrance to the open day is free.



The new Wyrley Juniors pavilion, open to the public this weekend

Five goals conceded but Villa pride intact



Willenhall on the attack against Rotherham

Lockmen are undone by soft equaliser

WILLENHALL 1 ROTHERHAM 1

WILLENHALL will count themselves unfortunate not to have taken maximum points from Rotherham after a vastly improved performance.

New signing Michael Williams was quickly into his stride with a strong run through the middle before setting up Jan Trapso inside 60 seconds, but the threat was ended by a defensive challenge.

Skipper Matt Whitehouse was a yard over with a 25 yard strike after Richard Gregory's free-kick had rebounded to him off the wall before the Lockmen deservedly took the lead on 15 minutes.

A ball down the middle found Trapso and the striker held off two strong challenges before poking the ball past the keeper.

Refereeing

Willenhall continued to threaten, with Gregory lifting a shot onto the roof of the net from outside the box. Joe Lyng then bulletted a header at the keeper before Trapso wrigled through two challenges to force another save.

It was much against the run off play when Rotherham equalised on 40 minutes.

A left wing cross into the near post was flicked across goal to Craig Smith who had time and space to roll the ball into an unguarded net from close range.

There was still time for Gregory to fire in an overhead kick just beyond the far post as Willenhall sought to take a lead into the break.

By contrast, the second half was quiet, Trapso had one chance but after turning two defenders he lost control as he shaped to shoot and the chance was gone.

Jamel Fuller then attacked down the left but his dangerous low cross was grabbed just in time by the keeper.

Gregory sent a lobbed effort just over the bar on 71 minutes as the game ground towards a tetchy finish, not helped by inconsistent refereeing.

STAFFORD TOWN 5 PELSALL VILLA 0

PELSALL crashed out of the FA Vase after missing several early chances to put them selves in a comfortable position, writes Mark Bentley.

The first chance after five minutes came when a free-kick delivered by Ryan Williams found Daniel Battison, whose free header went just wide.

A 30yd diagonal ball by Lawley found Craig Stevens whose cushion header put Williams through. His cross was parried by Town keeper Andy Heal and the ball fell to Battison, whose lob went just over.

Some neat passing involving Jim Lewis, Williams and John Patrick put Phil Gayle in on goal but he was denied by Heal in the Town goal.

Pelsall paid the price on 18 minutes when they lost possession in midfield and the impressive Sam Agar burst down the Villa right, and pulled back a ball to be slotted home by Tom Smith.

Pelsall continued to play some clever football, with Williams and Patrick making things happen, but Pelsall could not penetrate the Town defence.

Skirmish

On 22 minutes a harmless looking ball into the Villa box was dropped by Pelsall keeper Collins and Craig Hulme took advantage gratefully.

Pelsall still kept pushing forward, had a good penalty appeal turned down, and on 28 minutes Jason Holmes hit the bar. Battison fired the rebound straight at keeper Heal.

Holmes again showed pace and skill to get behind the Town defence his cross this time just eluded Lewis.

On 40 minutes Tom Smith powered forward down the Pelsall right and his inch perfect cross was slotted home by Agar.

Pelsall still have another chance before the interval when Lewis puts Patrick clear of the defence but great work by Heal prevented a goal.

Pelsall started the second half well and a cross by Stevens was half cleared to Williams whose 20yd strike went inches wide.

Matters worsened for Pelsall on 65 minutes when Battison was involved in an off the ball skirmish and received a red card.

Pelsall, to their credit, still had the bulk of possession, but on 86 minutes a clever turn by Agar and a strike to keeper Collins' right made it 4-0. Then a cross from Town's left was expected to go wide by Collins but found its way into the bottom corner.

Although the scoreline suggests a hammering, Pelsall provided some good football, and a combination of missed chances and bad mistakes cost them dearly.

Penalty corners go begging

BLOXWICH 3RDS 0 V STONE 3RDS 1

BLOXWICH, riding high on a victory the previous week, were in for a much harder game of hockey last Saturday, writes David Symonds.

With a player missing, the decision was made to leave Chez Alcock up front. Bloxwich had a lot of the play for the first quarter of the match and were putting the Stone defence under considerable pressure.

Stone rallied and got more into the game towards half-time, with keeper Jill Ricketts being called into action.

At half-time Bloxwich discussed increasing the movement on and off the ball, and this was certainly evident during the second half. Great running from Abbie Lloyd, Steph Oates, Kate Gardner and Kate Greensill to support Chez Alcock resulted in six penalty corners.

Bloxwich were unable to build on that pressure and convert them into goals and it left them exposed at times. Stone counter-attacked and Jill Ricketts and Stacey Hadley were left unprotected at the back. The rest of the team ran back to support, but Stone claimed the winner.

Kelly's eye is in for Bloxwich Youth

JAY Kelly was in form for Bloxwich Youth in the Walsall 6 a side Monday premier division of Leisure Leagues as they leapt opponents Miami Dolphins with a handsome 4-0 win.

Wednesfield Boys moved from the foot of the table, and dumped Coppice in their place as Jay Allsopp inspired a fine win over their rivals, also by four to nil.

Bloxwich Beasts demonstrated why they set the pace in Division One, with Luke Fox pulling the strings in a convincing 5-2 defeat of FC Copenbadly.

Commanding

Cresswell Rovers stay firmly amongst the pacesetters after easing past FC Vengeance 3-0 with, Shaun Peace starring.

close fought contest against Sil-

verdale Falcons under-9s was won 3-2, with Tigers' goals being scored by Jack Humphries (2) and Jake Percival. Man of the match Myles Lowe excelled as Tigers survived a fierce Falcons fightback.

Everybody Loves Keown will be hoping to climb what it a very compact Second Division table as they tore apart A Team in an 8-1 rout. No Lighty No Likey were also big winners as Joe Allan orchestrated a commanding 5-1 defeat of Bayer Neverlusen.

Sheffield Thursday and Singhs Six continue to go at it hammer & tongs at the summit of the Thurs-

day 6 a side top flight with handsome wins over Youth Harted 4-1 and CPA by 5-2 respectively. Shower Dan FC stated their intentions as they hit six past Madagascar, who could only reply with one. FC Madrid showed why they sit atop the First Division with a 6-1 drubbing of Sheffield Wednesday.



Tommy Ghent lands a crunching right hook in his bout with Walsall's Danny Clews

Clews is caught cold by Ghent body blow

AN IMPROMPTU Black Country derby saw Coseley's Tommy Ghent arrive into pro boxing with a stunning second-round knockout of Walsall's Danny Clews. A crunching body shot from the debutant saw Clews counted out just after halfway through the second session.

The bout capped a fine maiden voyage into the pro ranks for Ghent at the Tower Ballroom in Birmingham last Friday. Their bout was thrown together at less than a week's notice after Clews was left without a fight.

Ghent, a two-time national champion as an amateur punching for pay for the first time, had been down to box Luton's Gavin Putney, who was scrubbed altogether from the line-up.

So an all-Black Country clash on the bill – renowned promoter and trainer David Coldwell's first in the West Midlands – was cooked as local rivalry as added spice.

Ghent came to the ring with his older brother Richard, who won an International Masters welterweight title as a professional last year.

Boxing in the same division, 'Tommy Gun' wasted little time in showing he means business turning over from the unpaid to the paid ranks.

Ghent barely stood back and, whatever came his way, he had a reaction for as Clews looked for openings to work his way into the fight.

Experience

It was hopeless – Ghent's reaction punching eventually opened space for him to launch a right hook into the ribs of Clews, forcing him to sink to the floor.

Referee Shaun Messer, from Dudley, gave him every chance to continue but ended up counting out the fallen fighter.

Adam Corbett is aiming to be standing tall when he takes in his second fight as a professional at Walsall Town Hall next week.

West Bromwich's Corbett boxes again on Saturday, October 8, four months after a points win on his debut at the same venue against James Tucker.

Tucker came to fight that night, but Corbett used his height and reach advantage to keep the durable Doncaster journeyman at bay in their four-rounder.

The 6ft 2in light heavyweight has the ideal build for his division and is now looking to get more experience under his belt as the year wears on.

The 26-year-old spent nearly five years out of the ring after his amateur career and wants to make up for lost time.

And Corbett will be looking to play to his strengths as he continues to find his feet in the pro game.

He said: "I feel I have taken a step forward and learned a bit more, while working on the skills I have."

"I like to box behind the jab and use my reach and, the more experience you gain, the more second nature it will become."

Tickets are available from Walsall Town Hall or by contacting promoter PJ Rowson on 07976 283 157.

Blunted Pics content to keep hold of sixth spot

FRICKLEY ATHLETIC 0 RUSHALL OLYMPIC 0

RUSHALL Olympic almost paid the penalty for a lacklustre display as they struggled to a drab goalless draw in the Evo-Stik League Premier Division, writes Darren Stockall.

The only bright points of Saturday afternoon were that the point maintained sixth position for Pics and kept another clean sheet.

The visitors were first to threaten on five minutes when Ahmed Obeng appeared clean through and was unceremoniously taken out from behind by Stuart Ludlam, who received just a caution. From the resulting free-kick Grant Beckett curled an effort around the defensive wall and over the bar.

Stoppage

The game only burst into life in the 24th minute when Obeng turned inside and found Fitzpatrick with a delightful crossfield pass that the midfielder drove venomously first time from 25 yards, only to see keeper Adam Billard tip over for a corner.

Five minutes later and as Obeng got past Frickley's back-line, he was just inches away from lofting the ball beyond the home custodian into the path of Edwards to yield an open goal, but the stopper made a timely interception.

Super ball control from Rushall's Obeng on 44 minutes saw him probe rapidly forward from the centre circle to the edge of the penalty area, but the forward all too easily relinquished possession to an opponent at the critical moment and failed to get a shot off.

Pics were slow out of the starting blocks for the commencement of the second period and within two minutes of the restart keeper Gemmell was forced to save at the feet of Knox after Mitchell Tolley appeared to give up the pursuit, wrongly assuming that his colleague had the situation covered.

Olympic responded on 50 minutes when defender Adams gifted the ball to Obeng, but the front runner hooked awkwardly wide of the target as he slumped to the ground in the aftermath.

In the 67th minute the Blues were back on the offensive as Brad Grayson volleyed wide of the top left corner after a flag kick broke down. However, in the very next phase of play, with the hosts still on the offensive, Knox drilled the ball marginally wide of the foot of the right hand post as it took a deflection on its way out for a corner.

With Rushall continuing to misfire as the game progressed to a conclusion, with 20 minutes remaining keeper Gemmell was forced into a superb save to push away a venomous 20 yard drive from Knox for a flag kick.

Five minutes later and Olympic finally responded when substitute Marcus Jackson was picked out with a useful looking through ball, but after darting past his marker, a low drive from the edge of the box was well smothered by keeper Billard.

Wanderers sunk by Chase spot kick

CHASE ATHLETIC 3 CRESSWELL WANDERERS 2

In a frantic first five minutes Wanderers went close through Jack Dunn only to crash a shot off the crossbar, writes Mike Dunn.

Chase, last season's champions, grabbed an opener and the game opened right up.

Cresswell created several chances through Tom Brownlie and Ryan Brookes and Jack Squire who levelled matters with a great strike.

Chase again put their noses in front before half time after a good counter attack, but soon after the break Robbie Smith equalised again for Cresswell with a swivel shot from the top drawer.

Both teams cancelled each other out for a lengthy period, but the bombshell of a late penalty gave Chase Athletic all three points.

Man of the match Jack May continued to impress with a great display of grit and determination.

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Aldridge caught cold by early tries blitz

ALDRIDGE were napping by an onslaught that Market Drayton's speedy backs unleashed right from the kick-off in this RFU Junior Vase encounter, writes *Jim Chambers*.

ALDRIDGE 6 MARKET DRAYTON 38

Aldridge mustered a couple of Mark Large penalties in reply. The home side showed a number of enforced changes and it took until midway through the first half before they began to gain parity in the

forwards, which increasingly stifled the ball supply to the opposition backs.

The game was effectively over by half time, but the tenacity and determination of the Aldridge pack and a reorganised defence in the backs meant that the second half was

confined to a forward scrap in between the 22 metre lines. Aldridge had a couple of missed opportunities and denied the visitors any more scores until a converted try for Market Drayton right on the final whistle.

SMITH CRIES FOUL OVER KILLER GOAL

COLCHESTER UNITED 1 WALSALL 0

WALSALL boss Dean Smith rapped officials Simon Hooper and Jake Hillier this week after two controversial penalty calls cost the Saddlers dear at Colchester United. The boss questioned the experience of rookie assistant referee Hillier after Andy Butler conceded a penalty and was sent off.

Replays showed the skipper's initial contact with Michail Antonio, before Anthony Wordsworth match-winning spot-kick last Saturday in Essex, was outside the Colchester box and Smith insisted that referee Hooper also got it wrong.

"I saw the match-changing decision, the foul was made outside the box and the lad falls inside. Maybe that's what you get when you have a 23-year-old linesman, maybe it's a bit of inexperience from him," he said, with the Saddlers now winless in five League One games.

"The foul was outside the box, I've seen it with my video analyst so maybe they can take it, have a look and gain a little experience from it. It's a double whammy. We have disciplinary procedures at the football club and if players are missing for games the procedure is to fine them.

"But how can I fine someone if the wrong decision has been made? It's going to cost the club because the captain will miss one game. Maybe they should look at it and send us some money so we can fine them instead.

"The hard thing for us is, if we don't appeal, Andy Butler is banned for the next game. I've had to take off Jamie Paterson, a 19-year-old kid who had started the game really well. It's bad luck on him. A decision made in the game, which for me was the wrong decision, costs so many people."

Cliffhanger

Hooper also turned down the Saddlers' second-half penalty shout after Magnus Okuonghae handled in the box.

"The fourth official told me they thought it struck a Walsall arm but their player admitted it and said it was accidental," said Smith.

But, despite his anger, the boss added: "It's another conversation to have on modern technology."

"I'm sure officials will tell you they don't want to see it and it would be hard. There's a cost to it, especially in the lower leagues."

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Walsall will be hoping their mini-slump isn't the precursor to another soap-opera season which will leave viewers on the edge of their seats.

Cliffhanger endings, departures of main characters and love stories with a local hero have been the recent scripts.

Now, with Season Two well underway, the Saddlers must ensure they don't become the supporting artists to the main storyline. But currently they are more Brookside than Brookside.

Defeat at Colchester on Saturday made it five winless games and left Walsall pondering a spin-off series which will only draw the same reviews as last year.

Those struggles still linger and that is the root cause of any panic from the terraces. The fear the Saddlers will be dragged into the relegation mire is palpable.

Walsall lack the important momentum which needs to be gathered if they are to be considered when awards season rolls round.

There are still 108 points to play for so ambitions aren't out of reach but it is hard to gain drive from a standing start.

The Saddlers can argue, with justification, that decisions went against them on Saturday with Andy Butler dismissed for conceding a penalty – for a foul outside the area.

And having their own penalty claims denied, when Magnus Okuonghae handled in the box, did little to lighten the mood.

That's not to say they don't need help – there were no shots on target on Saturday.

Triallists have come and gone and the manager knows where the problems are, but he has limited options in how to fix them. Those options further diminished with Butler's impending ban following his foul on Michail Antonio – which led to Anthony Wordsworth's match-winning 33rd-minute penalty.

The skipper is training to be a referee, which only left him more aggrieved to walk after Mr Hooper and Mr Hillier awarded the spot-kick.

As Butler departed so did Walsall's chances. They toiled with 10 men against an average Colchester team. Two frustrated United fans demanded their money back in reception after the game, so disappointed were they that their team failed to put more than one past the Saddlers.

But had it not been for Jimmy Walker Colchester would have cruised to victory.

The shot-stopper denied Ian Henderson, twice, before a second-half battle with Kayode Odejayi ended with the veteran spectacularly clawing away the striker's header.

Colchester United: Williams; Wilson, Baldwin, Okuonghae, Coker; Bond, Izzet, Wordsworth; Henderson (Duguid, 79), Odejayi (Heath, 90), Antonio.

Walsall: Walker, Beevers, Butler, Smith, Sadler, Hurst, Taundry, Chambers, Paterson (Lancashire 34), Macken (Jarvis 77), Grigg (Westlake 34).

Referee: Mr S. Hooper (Wiltshire).

Attendance: 3,103.



Walsall keeper Jimmy Walker spreads himself to deny Ian Henderson



Adam Chambers (left) and Richard Taundry help Walsall win the aerial challenges



Nailbiter as Walsall grab victory by single point

WALSALL 27 BURTON 26

A WALSALL team showing six changes were involved in a gripping contest at Delves Road, writes *Arnold Evans*.

Burton provided a stern test, and soon went 6-0 up through Dave Archer penalties. But this was very much a game of running rugby. Walsall lock Nick Field touched down after the ball was moved wide to Alex Greenslade, then Dave Merlin drove forward before some quick passing saw the ball reach Rod Dickson.

The Walsall No8 was brought down just short of the line, but Field was in support to gather the flick up and drive over.

Burton kicked a penalty virtually straight from the restart, but another sweeping Walsall attack saw full back Roger Weston receive the final pass to cross wide out.

The half came to a close with a spectacular piece of play that saw Walsall score their third try. It was instigated by a Wood interception. He ran to halfway before finding Rafa Ingelmo in support. The young Spaniard showed good speed before he was pulled down inches short. Burton committed blatant infringements and eventually had a player sent to the sinbin.

Concede

Walsall opted for a scrum, Dickson picked up and drove over to give the home team a 17-9 lead.

In the second half a quick Burton throw in saw centre Brooks slide over. Archer converted, then put his team back in front with a penalty. The 17-19 scoreline became 17-26 when the hosts failed to clear, lost possession and Burton centre Smith crashed over.

Walsall closed the gap to 24-26 with a converted try from Dave Merlin. Good short drives created space for the lock to cut through from 20 metres. Then good work by Halbert and Andy Fitzgerald forced the winning penalty, which Wood put over to add to his two conversions.

Walsall gained the maximum five points for their four-try win and are now third in Midlands One West.

This Saturday, the team travel to Radford in Coventry to play their first ever league game against the Dunlop club promoted last year and now play at their highest ever level of league rugby.

DROITWICH 2NDS 0 WALSALL 2NDS 50

Walsall 2nds fielded one of their strongest teams for many seasons when they played a friendly at Droitwich. There were several players with first team experience in a side that won 50-0, with Dan Simpson, Dan Clark and Mike Benson having outstanding games.

Simpson scored three tries, Benson two, and Clark, Carl Robinson and Jamie Hickman one each. Jack Crowhurst kicked four conversions and Kevin Pitt another.

The team has only conceded one try this season, but will be severely tested this Saturday by Sutton Coldfield.

Walsall 3rd XV had a convincing 34-5 victory over Wednesday 2nd XV. Phil Stanley powered over for three tries, while there was one each for Kevin Foster, Mike Perkins, Erol Hughes and James Quigley, who also kicked two conversions.

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Dudley and Walsall **NHS**
Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust2010/11
Annual Report

Foreword

We are pleased to present Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust's Annual Report and Accounts for 2010/11.

This year has been a significant and successful period for the Trust as we have worked hard to strengthen our engagement with service users and carers and progressed with plans to modernise and improve services.

We would like to thank everyone who has been involved with the Trust over the past twelve months for their tremendous commitment to helping us achieve our vision of being 'Better Together'. This dedication has ensured the Trust continues to deliver high quality mental health services for the communities of Dudley and Walsall boroughs. We look forward to working with our members and other stakeholders over the coming year to build on these successes and improve the mental health and wellbeing of local residents.

Who we are and what we do

Here at Dudley & Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust our vision is to be 'Better Together' – delivering flexible, high-quality, evidence-based services to enable people to achieve recovery.

Whether it's treating someone with dementia or helping someone manage their depression and regain the confidence to return to work, we are constantly looking to provide a truly excellent service at every stage of mental illness.

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust provides a wide range of integrated mental health services to children, adults and older people across the communities of Dudley and Walsall.

We provide care and treatment for around 20,000 people each year and serve a local population of around 600,000 residents across Dudley and Walsall as well as providing specialised Deaf Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services across Central England.

We employ over 1,200 staff and provide specialist mental health services from more than 40 community sites and 3 acute hospitals: Dorothy Pattison Hospital, Bloxwich Hospital and Bushey Fields Hospital.

The Trust's Vision is one of providing recovery oriented services and in 2010, the Trust published its Clinical & Social Care Strategic Vision that defined how mental health services should be delivered in the future. This Vision has been guided by a growing emphasis on the well-being of the population and a focus on prevention and early intervention. It guides our future plans for mental health services.

Our Vision

Better Together – delivering flexible, high-quality, evidence-based services to enable people to achieve recovery.

Our Values

- Respect and dignity
- Commitment to quality of care
- Compassion
- Improving lives
- Everyone counts
- Working together for patients

Our Successes and Highlights for 2010/11

Throughout the last twelve months we have continued to focus on maintaining the delivery of high quality services, celebrating some key achievements:

April 2010

Achieving full CQC registration - In line with the new Care Quality Commission system of assessment, the Trust achieved full CQC registration. The assessment for registration focused on continuous assessment and monitoring against the essential quality standards. The Trust's registration shows our continued commitment to high quality patient care.

May 2010

Innovative Nurses - Mental Health Nurses from across the

Trust took part in our own version of the BBC programme 'Dragons Den' to celebrate Nurses Day. Staff had the chance to present ideas which could help us be more effective as a Trust, improve quality and develop our services.



Lighting up lives - A new

November 2010

sensory room opened in Bushey Fields Hospital for older adult dementia patients. The state-of-the-art multi sensory room provides equipment specially designed to stimulate the senses and offers patients a safe and relaxing environment to reduce anxieties and stresses. The initiative is an example of the great work that came out of the Dragons Den event held earlier in the year.

June 2010

The Trust's Service User & Carer Involvement Strategy was officially launched in June, along with our dedicated Service User & Carer Charters which were developed in partnership with service users and carers across the Trust. The launch of these key documents supports the Trust's continued commitment to engaging with service users and carers.

December 2010

Transforming Services - The Service Transformation Programme team outlined plans for a new service model, alongside the announcement of a new Government Mental Health Strategy, giving us an exciting opportunity to review our current practices and develop a clinical service model that will be service-user centred and really drive quality and improvement.

The Trust published its first set of **Quality Accounts** for 2009/10. The publication looked at what we were doing well; where we needed to make improvements; what our priorities were and how we involve service users, carers and staff. It looked forward to how we will strive to improve over the year, and achieve our priorities.

July 2010



Foundation Trust Go!! - In January, the Trust started ramping up its Foundation Trust application. The Board is committed to becoming a Foundation Trust by September 2012. The Trust will continue to keep its stakeholders updated on its progress.

January 2011

February 2011

Leading by example with health and wellbeing

The launch of our Staff Health and Wellbeing Strategy took place with two events at Dorothy Pattison and Bushey Fields Hospitals. This strategy outlined our plans to support, encourage and facilitate good health and wellbeing amongst all of our employees. The events were a great success with staff able to take advantage of the wealth of information and services available for them.



August 2010

Inpatient Hospitals were given top marks!

Our three acute hospitals were inspected and given a rating based on the environment, food and privacy and dignity. The Trust was rated excellent or good on most cases. The results enabled us to continue to look at ways to improve overall standards of patient environments throughout the Trust's sites.

Recognising Staff - Our

September 2010

first 'Recognising Success Awards' were held at Bescot Stadium, Walsall on September 29th.

The event was a great day for us to acknowledge and celebrate the success and hard work staff do every day. Our second Annual General Meeting focused on the improvements, successes and developments made over the last twelve months.

October 2010

Accreditation for Memory Service - The Trust received national accreditation for its Memory Service Team based at Bloxwich Hospital, making it only 1 of 14 Memory Services in England to be accredited. It recognised the hard work and continuous development from staff since the service's inception.

New patient record system -

March 2011

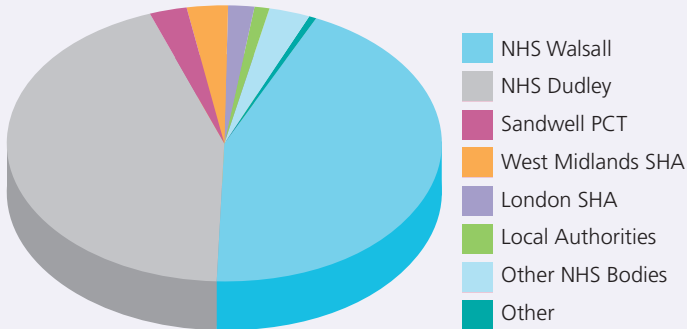
Oasis, the Trust's new patient administration system, went live on Monday 7th March for 280 staff. After months of hard work, training and intense activity to prepare for the roll out of our new patient information system, making sure that patient data and information is captured and recorded accurately.

Oasis

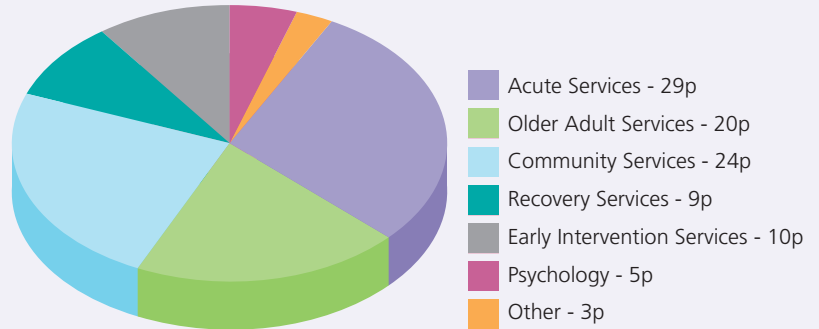
Our Finances

We are delighted to report that the Trust met its statutory targets for the financial year 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011.

Where does our money come from?



For every £1 the Trust spends, the following amount is spent on each service:



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foundation trust

Looking forward to 2011/12

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust is working to become an NHS Foundation Trust. We believe that becoming a Foundation Trust is the best way for us to fulfil our exciting plans for mental health services. It will also allow us to be truly 'better together' as it is the best way for people with an interest in mental health services to become directly involved in influencing them.

Why do we want to become a Foundation Trust?

Foundation Trusts have some major advantages in the way they are run, compared to other NHS Trusts. In particular, becoming a Foundation Trust will ensure:

Better Accountability - service users, carers and our staff will have more involvement in the running of the Trust and delivery of services.

Better Innovation - we will have greater freedom to develop and innovate, using feedback to design services to meet local needs.

Better Influence - we will be able to give mental health a greater presence and 'voice' within the local community.

Better Quality - we will be able to use information and involvement from the community to improve the quality of services.

Better Investment - we will be allowed to create and retain financial surpluses, giving us more freedom to invest in services.

Better Viability - we will be able to focus on efficiency and productivity to ensure that resources are used effectively.



be a part of it - be a member

As part of its Foundation Trust bid, the Trust is now recruiting a membership, which will enable those who sign up to directly influence the way mental health services are delivered. Over 2,000 people from our local communities have already shown their support by signing up as public members.

If you have an interest in mental health and would like to become a member of DWMHPT, all you have to do is fill out a membership form. You can become a member instantly by applying online at www.dwmh.nhs.uk/foundationtrust. Alternatively, telephone **01384 364039** or email ft@dwmh.nhs.uk for a hard copy membership form.

Services Fit for the Future

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust aims to become one of the highest performing mental health trusts in the country with a brand and reputation for excellence that sets it apart from the rest. The Trust intends to achieve this through its exciting plans for Service Transformation, which will improve the care and experience of patients as well as foster efficiency in an economically challenging time.

The Service Transformation programme is committed to improving mental health services by:


- Ensuring that services are re-designed to meet the needs of the local population
- Delivering services based on best practice
- Improving access for service users
- Ensuring that service user's experience is improved
- Delivering cost effective services that offer best value

To achieve these aims we have developed a new and improved service model for the future which will be implemented using a phased approach over a three year period. For further information on the service transformation programme, please contact **Jacky O'Sullivan, ST Programme Director**, by email at jacky.o'sullivan@dwmh.nhs.uk.



Top ten tips for your good mental health

- 1 Do something creative**
Being creative can improve mood, and self-esteem, as well as improving mental agility.
- 2 Learn new skills**
Achieving goals you've set for yourself can increase your confidence and help you to feel more optimistic about the future.
- 3 Value yourself and others**
Spend time to reflect on what you have done well, show your appreciation and take pride in the compliments that you receive.
- 4 Use food to boost your mood**
What you eat and drink can have a real influence on your mood so look out for and choose healthy food options.
- 5 Keep in touch with friends and loved ones**
Research has shown that people whose goals in life are focused on family, friends and colleagues have increased wellbeing.
- 6 Keep physically active**
Exercise has been proven to lower levels of anxiety and depression as well improving fitness levels. 30 minutes of exercise five times a week can make a real difference.
- 7 Care for yourself**
Set aside some time for yourself to do the things you enjoy.
- 8 Get involved and make a contribution**
Being involved in fun events or projects can help you to learn new skills, meet new people and give a great sense of fulfilment.
- 9 Take a break**
Work better, not harder. Make sure you take your annual leave throughout the year, to help you take a well deserved break when you may need it the most.
- 10 Ask for help and share feelings**
If you feel your workload is spiralling out of control, take the opportunity to discuss it with your manager



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